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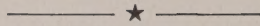
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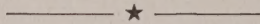
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Town Officers



Moderator

George McEwan

Town Clerk

Josephine S. Haskell

Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

Selectmen

Ernest A. Parker, Chairman

George W. Carr

George H. Sheldon

Assessors

Clifford A. Field

Ernest A. Parker

Fred S. Merrifield

Term expires 1950

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1949

Tax Collector

Charles F. Slate

School Committee

Irving J. Lawrence

Lillian G. Wells

Sidney H. Given

Term expires 1950

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1949

Library Trustees

Mercy A. Brann

Luman A. Barber

C. Ina Merriman

Robert B. Jack

Horace H. Morse

Mary G. Parker

Term expires 1950

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1949

Term expires 1949

Cemetery Commissioners

George N. Kidder

Charles C. Morgan

Carlton W. Holton

Term expires 1950

Term expires 1948

Term expires 1949

Tree Warden

Dean Williams

Constables

Murray M. Hammond

Harry M. Haskell

Joseph G. Morgan

Martin E. Vorce

Planning Board

Frank W. Williams 1948

Fred I. Bolton 1949

Fred A. Holton 1951

William E. Park 1950

F. Wilton Dean 1952

Accountant

Fred H. Doolittle

Chief Fire Department

Charles L. Johnson

Superintendent of Roads

Ralph V. Gibson

Gypsy Moth Agent

Frank W. Anderson

Forest Fire Warden

Andrew Gray

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Hermon Fisher

Charles L. Johnson

Carlton Holton

Edward C. Bolton

Clifford L. Bolton

Lawrence Hammond

Public Weighers

George O. Dunnell

F. Myron Dunnell

Clarence H. Spaulding

Fred B. Kelly

Richard W. Borrows

Robert Schepp

Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering

Horace W. Bolton

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John F. Field

Cattle Inspector

Gilbert S. Hammond

Fence Viewers

Lucky O. Clapp

Lawrence M. Hammond

Carlton W. Holton

Surveyors Wood and Timber

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers

Julian O. Black

Raymond C. Miller

Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.

Dog Officer

Gilbert S. Hammond

Pound Keeper

Dr. George A. Bronson

Registrars of Voters

Harry L. Gingras

Charles L. Johnson

Lawrence M. Hammond

Finance Committee

Dorothy L. Miller

Term expires 1948

William E. Park

Term expires 1948

Fred I. Bolton

Term expires 1949

Walter H. Hyde

Term expires 1949

A. Gordon Moody

Term expires 1950

Ross L. Spencer

Term expires 1950

Selectmen's Report



The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield submit the following reports of the various departments for the past year ending December 31, 1947.

With funds voted at the last annual town meeting we have been able to have the interior and exterior of the Town Hall completely renovated, also the seats in the balcony refinished. The driveways around the Town Hall have also been resurfaced. An article in this year's warrant which we hope will have your support calls for funds to refinish the seats on the main floor, the dining room tables and any other furniture which may need attention. The badly worn curtains on the stage should also be replaced.

Eleven copies of "The Puritan Outpost" were presented to the Senior class of 1947, and one copy to the Historical Society, leaving at present a balance of 89 copies on hand.

Again this year the Board of Health provided funds to secure Dr. Nadas as attending physician at the well-child clinic in June.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST A. PARKER

GEORGE W. CARR

GEORGE H. SHELTON

Selectmen.

Town Clerk's Report



VITAL STATISTICS

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistic record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births Recorded in 1947

1946

October :	Name	Parents
15—	Bolton, Jean Phyllis	Kenneth L. and Olga.
16—	Abbott, Jane Lawrence	Robert D. and Priscilla F.
20—	Perry, Phyllis Marie	Robert A. and Jennie L.
21—	Sobieski, Marie Ann	Francis C. and Patricia
26—	Dale, David Robert	James R. and Ruth G.
27—	Webber, Barry Richard	Clarence K. and Esther I.

November :

7—	Holton, David Clinton	Joseph W. and Karlene
13—	Sheldon, Christopher Eliot	Leale H. and Elinor
15—	Schryba, James Edward	Stephen and Mary E.
21—	Stratton, Sandra Ann	Frank C. and Hazel
29—	Browning, Donald Ellsworth	Herman William and Bertha Belle

December :

2—	Casey, Bette Rae	George Vincent and Betty
8—	True, Stephen Hopkins	Ansel Bartlett and Evelyn Augusta
17—	Briesmaster, Allan Frederic	Harold A. and Natalie M.
28—	Mankowsky, David Carl	Carroll William and Madelyn Mae

1947

January :

4—	Field, Katherine Virginia	Calvin and Katherine Virginia
6—	Thompson, Jean Louise	Ray K. and Helen
11—	Ladzinski, Infant	Peter E. and Jean M.
13—	Black, Alane Helen	Wayne Arthur and Addie Belle
15—	Browning, Ralph Clayton	Homer Franklin, Jr., and Ethel R.

18—Holbrook, Sandra Jane
21—Dodenhoff, Miriam Rosalie
26—Given, Frederick Eugene

Richard K. and Dorothy H.
Erwin Karl and Mary Rosabelle
Sidney Hobart and Marion Sophie

February:

10—Farrar, Sally Ann
19—Chamberlin, Stephen Dudley
28—Walker, Ethel Lois

Lawrence Stanley and Blanche Anna
Duncan S. and Monica
William Cottle and Florence Helen

March:

3—Leonard, Susan Mae
8—Smolen, Bradley John
11—Clark, Gary Roger
16—Carey, Charles Dennis
20—Urgielewicz, Joseph Leon

George M. and Esther M.
Stanley John and Margaret Diana
Walter R. and Genevieve
Forest Leon and Katherine Isabelle
Paul Peter Jr. and Virginia Ruth

April:

12—Knapp, Katherine Ann
13—Williams, Laura Lee
15—Hillock, Raymond Leslie
20—Lyman, Patricia Ann

Ray Albert and Erma Mae
Richard Raymond and Dorothy I.
Walter Frank and Agnes May
Dwight E. and Shirley I.

May:

3—Zaikowski, Robert Stanley
7—Parsons, Linda Louise
12—Barfitt, Cynthia May
15—Glazier, Harry Lester
21—Scott, Linda Elizabeth

Stanley A. and Stella
Harold E. and Esther
Stanley Gordon and Sarah Elizabeth
Clayton Howard and C. Rena
Alvin Harold and Elizabeth Arlie

June:

3—Krejas, Jo Ann
6—Stone, Albert Niles
6—Holloway, Joy
18—Shearer, Jeanne Margaret
24—Sanderson, Scot Walter
28—Huber, Linda Mae

Joseph J. and Stella
Niles E. and Olive
Leonard Lee and Beryl Ella
Robert Browning and Margaret A.
Winthrop Whitney and Alice Sophia
Donald Gay and Barbara Rose

July:

6—Goodwin, Daniel James
6—Bistrek, Thadd Wright
18—Ingram, Delbert Gerald
25—Stowell, Dennis Leoman

James A. and Elizabeth
Stanley T. and Gladys
Delbert Elwin and Ruth Geraldine
Leoman R. and Norma

August:

2—Wozniak, Walter Thomas
4—Sikoski, Edward Leo
10—Williams, Dennis Howard
14—Huber, Gloria Jean
29—Luciw, Mary Anna

Walter and Jennie
Leo Francis and Cecelia
Howard E. and Edith
William C. and Catherine
Edward Andrew and Catherine M.

September :

14—Szeszowicki, Ronald James	Stanley Theodore and Agnes Rose
23—Glazewski, Linda Helen	Tadeus and Helen S.

October :

10—Chula, Margaret Jean	Stanley Martin and Adelia Dorothy
21—Scripture, Stephen Allen	Stanley Harrison and Eleanor W.

November :

12—Mankowski, Martha Elizabeth	Roman John and Elizabeth Vesta
13—Edson, Michael Alden	Alden F. and Lucy S.
23—Stillborn	
23—Fletcher, Susan	John H. and Mary
25—Andrews, Jane	Benjamin R. Jr. and Rose M.

December :

2—Rogers, Infant	Robert W. and Ethelyn V.
10—Miller, Donald Raymond	Raymond C. and Eleanor G.
30—Amsden, Infant	Lyle W. and Mary L.



Marriages Recorded in 1947

Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
January :			
5—	Miller, Raymond Carroll	Northfield, Mass.	
	Rose, Eleanor Graves	Sunderland, Mass.	
			Sunderland, Mass.
17—	Fairgrieve, Richard Crane	Hyattsville, Md.	
	Anderson, Dorothy Grace	Greenfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
25—	Edson, Alden Fred	Northfield, Mass.	
	Foley, Lucy Sophia	Greenfield, Mass.	
			Greenfield, Mass.
February :			
1—	Dresser, Charles Everett	Northfield, Mass.	
	Ladue, Lorraine June	Turners Falls, Mass.	
			Montague, Mass.
1—	Gibson, Leslie Albert	Northfield, Mass.	
	Foster, Dorothy Annette	Greenfield, Mass.	
			Greenfield, Mass.
15—	Lilly, Donald Earl	Northfield, Mass.	
	Mitchell, Mary Phyllis	W. Chesterfield, N. H.	
			Brattleboro, Vt.
April :			
5—	Chamberlin, Roy Eugene	Northfield, Mass.	
	Hebb, Hazel Elizabeth	Bellows Falls, Vt.	
			Providence, R. I.

8—Johnson, Robert Dunnell	Northfield, Mass.	
Dawe, Ruth Alice	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
8—Parminter, Edward Elliott	Lakewood, Ohio	
Farnum, Mattie Ella Kennon	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
9—Johnson, Stanley Edward	Northfield, Mass.	
Dresser, Muriel Vera	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
11—Kerylow, Joseph	Enosburg Falls, Vt.	
Carpenter, Marjorie Dorothy	Northfield, Mass.	Templeton, Mass.
19—Bartus, Joseph John	Northfield, Mass.	
Berry, Doris Marie	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
May:		
5—Huber, Robert Lang	Northfield, Mass.	
Burniske, Eileen Mary	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
9—Harris, Richard David	Bernardston, Mass.	
Allen, Carolyn Rikert	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
15—Dodenhoff, William J.	Northfield, Mass.	
Richardson, Gladys Evelyn	Northfield, Mass.	Hinsdale, N. H.
June:		
11—Lanoue, Ernest Romeo	Greenfield, Mass.	
Thurston, Jacqueline Valeria	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
12—Patnode, LeRoy Kelsey,	Greenfield, Mass.	
Cembalistry, Ruth Margaret		
Phelps	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
28—Bistrek, Leon Albine	Northfield, Mass.	
Bouker, Lois Anita	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
28—Flagg, Robert Dana	Northfield, Mass.	
Churchill, Altea June	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
July:		
6—Grover, Clifford Bernard	Bernardston, Mass.	
Stone, Isabell Lura	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
20—Wight, Joseph Elmer	Remington, Va.	
Dwight, Harriet Gertrude	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

26—Raymond, Claude	Frenchville, Me.	
Brassor, Marion Blanche	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.

August :

2—Aldrich, Alfred Dennis	Northfield, Mass.	
Bevis, Florence Beverly	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
2—Black, William John	Greenfield, Mass.	
Coutu, Jeanne	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
4—Barnes, Ellis Channing	Northfield, Mass.	
Boyd, Annie S.	Northfield, Mass.	Brattleboro, Vt.
5—Butynski, Joseph John	Northfield, Mass.	
Marino, Faustine Elizabeth	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
14—Vigneau, Edward Martin	Brattleboro, Vt.	
Fisher, Eva May	Guilford, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
16—Scoble, Edward Stanley	Northfield, Mass.	
Decker, Shirley Ruth	South Deerfield, Mass.	
	Montague, (M. F.) Mass.	
17—Given, Sidney Hobart Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	
Ruhl, Phyllis Elizabeth	Northfield, Mass.	
	Gill, (Mount Hermon) Mass.	
24—Stone, Carl James	Northfield, Mass.	
Wagner, Gloria Jean	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.

September :

2—Witt, Maurice Walter	Winchendon, Mass.	
Greene, Olive Frances	Winchendon, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
6—Chapin, Robert Raymond	Northfield, Mass.	
McAfee, Mary Martha	Amherst, Mass.	Amherst, Mass.
6—Bolton, James Henry	Northfield, Mass.	
Beaubien, Rosalie Agnes	Millers Falls, Mass.	
	Montague, (M. F.) Mass.	
6—Young, Kenneth Edward	Northfield, Mass.	
Eastman, Marion Abigail (Dow)	Northfield, Mass.	Keene, N. H.
6—Duda, Dominick Paul	Northfield, Mass.	
Whitney, Marilyn Ruth	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

October :

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| 4—Snow, Edward Bagg Jr.
Bolton, Virginia Ann | Bernardston, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 10—Smolen, Joseph
Spaulding, Ruth E. | Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Brattleboro, Vt. |
| 10—Brassor, Robert E.
Spaulding, Ruth E. | Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Brattleboro, Vt. |
| 11—Holman, Robert Foulk
Stemler, Caroline Cecelia | Aurora, Ind.
Chicago, Ill. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 18—Mankowsky, Leon Constantine
Dunklee, Alma Adelaide | Northfield, Mass.
Vernon, Vt. | Montague, (M. F.) Mass. |
| 25—Hurley, John Joseph
Gowen, Natalie Joy | Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Montague, (M. F.) Mass. |
| 31—Randall, Harlan Emmons
Chouinard, Virginia Theresa | Northfield, Mass.
Amherst, Mass. | South Deerfield, Mass. |

November :

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| 15—Melnik, Raymond
Lernatowitz, Stella Mary | Wapping, Conn.
Northfield, Mass. | South Deerfield, Mass. |
| 22—Lord, Edward Harold
Shearer, Charlotte Louise | Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
| 29—Williams, Howard Delma
Sytnik, Viola Josephine | Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass. | Montague, (M. F.) Mass. |
| 29—Fioretti, Carl Joseph
Urgielewicz, Amelia Rose | Whitestone, N. Y.
Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |

December :

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| 27—Rainey, Joseph Sistrunk
Wright, Mary Adelaide | Denver, Colo.
Northfield, Mass. | Northfield, Mass. |
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Deaths Recorded in 1947

Date	Name	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Days
January :				
3—	Harness, Frank Walter	71	3	1
10—	Quinlan, Lawrence Stephen	74		15
11—	Ladzinski, Infant			3
February :				
10—	Richardson, Grace Annie	74		8
14—	Garello, Francis Andrew	26	4	
16—	Wyllie, Jennie Ferguson	93	6	26
26—	Crittenden, Alice	80	3	6
March :				
1—	Collier, Frank F.	94		
1—	Dale, Nellie Murphy	78		
8—	Smolen, Bradley John			1
16—	Slate, Edward S.	74	7	15
27—	Gage, Simon	92	1	9
April :				
3—	Russell, Henry W.	68	9	2
9—	Evans, Minnie Pollard	79		
30—	Weston, Mary K.	92		
May :				
6—	Fitt, Arthur Percy	77	7	1
13—	Lombard, Frank Hilar	68	9	1
22—	Allen, Lelia Hicks	93	11	22
26—	Washburn, Edgar Jesse	85	4	1
30—	Ross, Elizabeth	76		
June :				
13—	Gilbert, Charles Lyman	76	9	12
20—	Slate, Harriet Hayden	91	8	27
July :				
3—	Field, George Allen	67	6	1
12—	Holton, Meda Stratton	76	4	22
12—	Hodous, Anna J.	73	3	17
31—	Lemaire, Victoria	84	10	4
August :				
5—	McGinn, James	87		
6—	Goodspeed, Edward	85	7	
13—	Taylor, Ellen Louise Johannot	86	10	22
14—	Millard, Herbert Francis	86	5	6

September :			
2—Cook, Birdie L.	74	11	15
9—Aldrich, Alfred Dennis	25	1	21
28—Alexander, Louise Jane	71		
October :			
4—Williams, James E.	2	1	19
9—Smalley, Evelyn May	48	5	24
10—Dickerson, Emeline Marble Fletcher	83	10	5
26—Mann, Chester A.	79	5	7
November :			
2—Demers, George Charles	79		5
2—Whitman, Mary L.	85	10	4
23—Morse, Edward Livingston	76	8	9
23—Stillborn			
28—Whitney, Mervin Leslie	69	1	2
December :			
7—Shaw, Claude Martin	85	8	8



Dog Licenses Issued in 1947

Male Dogs	150
Female	24
Female (Spayed)	83
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	6
Kennel (\$25.00)	1
Military	1
Total	265



Sporting Licenses Issued in 1947

Resident Fishing	99
Resident Hunting	102
Resident Sporting	150
Minor's and Women's Fishing	82
Resident Trapping License	2
Special Non-Resident Fishing	10
Non-Resident Fishing	28
Non-Resident Hunting	10

Duplicates	7
Resident Citizens' Sporting (free)	33
Resident Citizens' Military (free)	3
Total	526



Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 3, 1947

Article 1. Voted to accept the several reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted and chose by ballot the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	351
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	355
Selectmen, 1 year	George W. Carr	325
	Ernest A. Parker	336
	George H. Sheldon	326
Assessor, 3 years	Clifford A. Field	339
Moderator, 1 year	George McEwan	321
School Committee Member, 3 years	Marian C. Billings	158
	Irving J. Lawrence	204
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	George N. Kidder	340
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year	Charles C. Morgan	336
To fill vacancy,		
Library Trustees, 3 years	Mercy A. Brann	325
	Joseph W. Field	322
Tree Warden, 1 year	Leslie A. Martin	141
	Dean W. Williams	219
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	350
Constables, 1 year	Harry M. Haskell	327
	Joseph G. Morgan	332
	Martin E. Vorce	328
Constable, 1 year - resident of		
Northfield Farms	Murray M. Hammond	343
Planning Board Member, 5 years	F. Wilton Dean	310
Question of Equal Pay for Men and Women Teachers,	Yes	233
	No	77

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, any debt or debts incurred

under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75. for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150. to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000. for lighting the streets.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for tools for highway work.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Schools,	\$58,089.00
Treasurer, Salary	600.00
Expense Account	140.00
Bridges,	1,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	2,500.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Selectmen, Salary	900.00
Expense Account	100.00
Road Machinery Fund, - Transfer from Machinery Acct.	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance,	28,000.00
Public Welfare Clerk,	150.00
School Committee Salary,	150.00
Inspection Meat & Slaughtering,	200.00
Public Health,	400.00
Moderator and Counsel,	250.00
Town Reports,	400.00
Bonds and Damages,	400.00
Fire Department,	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes,	200.00
Department of Public Welfare,	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children,	5,200.00
Town Clerk, Salary	400.00
Expense Account	40.00
Elections and Registrations,	500.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance,	1,200.00
Sealer Weights and Measures,	125.00
Sealer's Expense Account	25.00
Accountant's Salary	700.00
Expense Account	40.00
Assessors', Salary	1,250.00

Expense Account	75.00
Town Hall Care,	3,000.00
Interest Account,	300.00
Town Clock and Fountain,	150.00
Snow Removal,	5,000.00
Public Safety,	50.00
Road Signs,	100.00

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the salary of the Tax Collector, and \$150.00 for expense account.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dox tax.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 to be used in the extermination of the gypsy moth.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 to paint the interior and exterior of the Town Hall.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,050.00 for the salary of the Community Nurse and substitute.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the Community Nurse's expense account.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for the expense of the Community Nurse's car.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 to install drainage system on the Beers Plain Road beginning near the residence of the Ware brothers, and running to Edson's Brook.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to pay the note due on the new Grade School building debt.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries, \$250.00 of this sum to be used to care for the cemetery at Northfield Farms.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,875.00 to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of \$14,625.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt, to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of State Highways.

Article 21. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway maintenance and construction, and that in addition the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon its receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate from Cemetery Lot Fund the sum of \$235.00 to be used in oiling the roads in the Center Cemetery.

Article 23. Voted to empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,555.00 for equipment and further improvements in the Town Hall Kitchen, and that the present committee be authorized to continue to serve.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to surface the driveways around the Town Hall.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to repair sidewalks.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for Memorial Day Exercises the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Constables' pay.

Article 29. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salary for the Clerk.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the construction of a cement sidewalk on east side of Main Street, extending from Warwick Avenue, northward if the abutters will pay half.

Article 32. This article was lost by paper ballot 47 to 58.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,000.00 for a reserve fund.

Article 34. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of the three Selectmen and four members of the fire department to investigate plans for a new fire house and report at the next annual town meeting, or at a special town meeting.

Charles L. Johnson, Fred I Bolton, Willis K. Parker, Alfred

E. Holton were appointed to serve on this committee with the Selectmen.

Article 35. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to investigate plans for a town garage and report at the next annual meeting, or at a special town meeting.

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase an adding machine for the use of the Tax Collector and Treasurer.

Article 37. This article was passed over because of illegality.

Article 38. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the care of the Athletic Field and to appoint George M. Leonard as Park Commissioner for 1 year.

Article 39. This article was passed over at request of the Park Commissioner.

Article 40. Voted that the report of this committee be accepted with thanks and the committee be discharged and replaced with a World War Memorial Community School Building Plan Committee of nine persons to investigate building sites and plans. This committee shall be appointed by the incoming moderator and shall include one representative each of the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, the American Legion, The Fortnightly Club, and at least one veteran of World War 11, and World War I.

Article 41. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to present a copy of The Puritan Outpost to the Northfield Historical Society.

Article 42. Voted to accept the report of the Cemetery Land Committee and discharge the committee with thanks.

Article 43. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63. to install street lights on Glen Road.

Article 44. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42. to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road near the group of houses south of Frank Garfield's.

Article 45. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42. to install two street lights on the Millers Falls Road between the residence of Frank Bartus and the Erving Line.

Article 46. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21. to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Birnam Road and Hotel Road.

Article 47. Voted to change the present method of electing the Selectmen as follows,—election of one Selectman for three years, election of one Selectmen for two years, and election of one Selectman for one year; one Selectman each year for three year term thereafter, to begin in 1948.

Article 48. Voted to transfer \$15,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate.

Article 49. Voted to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$20. the same to be added by the assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 50. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. to be used in making repairs on abandoned school houses.

Article 51. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell certain real estate acquired through tax title procedure.

After the reading of the Warrant by the Clerk, Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler gave the invocation. Recess for dinner was declared at 12 o'clock, and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

The Moderator announced the appointment of A. Gordon Moody and Ross L. Spencer as members of the Finance Committee.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

**Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for
the Special Town Meeting, March 27, 1947.**

Article 1. Voted to rescind the Vote taken on Article 32, at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants, the same to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Paper ballot was taken with the following results.

Yes . . .	91
No . . .	34
Total	125

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL,

Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer's Report



Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 44,206.53	
Receipts 1947	211,711.99	
	<u> </u>	\$255,918.52
Payments per Warrants	\$207,348.27	
Cemetery Funds deposited per Warrants	250.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	2,712.14	
Franklin County Trust Co.	45,608.11	
	<u> </u>	\$255,918.52

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1947 per Statement		\$ 56,072.12
Outstanding checks December 31, 1947 per list	\$ 10,464.01	
Balance December 31, 1947 per check book	45,608.11	
	<u> </u>	\$ 56,072.12

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,

Treasurer.



Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds



Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield

Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of Interest			233.71

J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			40.20

Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1947	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			10.05

Belcher Center School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of Interest			26.10

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			45.10

Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 740.52		
Interest 1947	14.87		\$ 755.39

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Surplus Revenue School Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1947	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest			32.16

Belcher Library Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 9,439.01	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1947	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of Interest			197.15

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1947	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 654.53	\$10,000.00	\$10,654.53
Receipts of Interest 1947	250.00		
Interest on Savings Deposits	7.86		
On hand December 31, 1947	\$ 912.39	\$10,000.00	\$10,912.39

Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1947	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			8.37

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand January 1, 1947			\$11,714.75
On hand December 31, 1947			12,264.75
Receipts of Interest	\$ 222.29		
Receipts of Bequests	550.00		772.29
Deposited in Savings Bank	\$ 250.00		
To be deposited in Savings Bank	300.00		
Interest transferred to Town	222.29		\$ 772.29



LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>Center Cemetery</i>			
Augustus W. Holton	\$100.00	William R. Moody	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Charles Alexander and	
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Richard Colton	200.00
John E. Nye	100.00	A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	James White	100.00
George Hastings and		Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Dr. Stratton White	100.00	Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Isaac Cook and		Elijar Belding	125.00
Wright Stratton	100.00	Lucy M. Webster	500.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Augustus L. Day	100.00
Sarah E. Minat	150.00	Charles Merriman and	
James Pickard	100.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
		Rose A. Holton	100.00

J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Andrew E. and Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Charles Osgood	300.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
John F. Rice	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
George - Artemus - Marshall Nye	200.00
Johnson Fund	123.00
Cora B. Preston and Asa Holton	100.00
George C. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
<i>South Mountain Cemetery</i>	
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100.00

<i>West Northfield Cemetery</i>	
Caroline B. Lane	\$150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
"Pennock" Cemetery Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston and Pitts W. Preston	100.00

<i>Northfield Farms Cemetery</i>	
Leroy Weatherhead	\$ 75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
Elisha and Elihu Stratton	200.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Brigham Gage and David Clowes	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Elisa Groves	51.69
Ritta R. Barrett	100.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Larkin E. Fisher and Frank Lucy Ross	50.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
James and William Merriam	100.00

<i>Mount Hermon Cemetery</i>	
Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
L. Lormier Drury	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00

Tax Collector's Report



Taxes 1945

Outstanding January 1, 1947		\$ 4,008.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 3,923.40	
Abatements	85.00	
		\$ 4,008.40

Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1947		\$ 10,770.14
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,291.98	
Abatements	97.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	5,381.16	
		\$ 10,770.14

Taxes 1947

Commitments per Warrants	\$100,586.15	
Additional Commitments	129.75	
Abatement after payment refunded	27.50	
		\$100,743.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 83,916.86	
Abatements	765.00	
Added to Tax Titles	171.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	15,890.04	
		\$100,743.40

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1947	\$ 352.51	
Additional Commitments	131.28	
		\$ 483.79
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 483.79	
		\$ 483.79

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1947

Commitments per Warrants	\$ 7,049.79	
Abatements after payment refunded	135.67	
		\$ 7,185.46
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5,097.21	
Abatements	251.17	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	1,837.08	
		\$ 7,185.46

Interest and Costs on Taxes

Collections of 1947 Interest:

Levy of 1945	\$ 263.56	
Levy of 1946	130.32	
Levy of 1947	24.91	
		\$ 418.79

Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:

Levy of 1946	\$ 10.25	
Levy of 1947	2.44	
		\$ 12.69

Costs of Taxes:

Levy of 1945	\$ 15.80	
Levy of 1946	3.15	
Levy of 1947	1.05	
		\$ 20.00

Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1946	\$ 24.25	
		\$ 24.25
		\$ 475.73

Payments to Treasurer 1947:

Interest	\$ 431.48	
Costs	44.25	
		\$ 475.73

Tax Titles

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 620.29	
Added to Tax Titles:		
Taxes 1947	\$ 171.50	
Interest	1.25	
		\$ 172.75
		\$ 793.04
Tax Titles Foreclosed	\$ 17.35	
Balance December 31, 1947 per list	775.69	
		\$ 793.04

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,

Collector of Taxes.

Town Accountant's Report



In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1947, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1948.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,
Town Accountant.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes from 1945	\$ 3,923.40	
Taxes from 1946	5,291.98	
Taxes from 1947	83,916.86	
		\$ 93,132.24
Tax Title		17.35
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1946	483.79	
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1947	4,997.21	
		\$ 5,481.00
From State		
Income Tax	\$ 6,721.68	
Corporation Tax	4,019.43	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	188.61	
Gas Tax	4,507.40	
State Tax	1,374.07	
		\$ 16,811.19
Licenses		
Selectmen	\$ 85.70	
Health	21.00	
		\$ 106.70
Dog License	\$ 616.40	
Withholding Tax	4,835.70	
County Returns	282.15	
		\$ 5,734.25
From County		
Dog Fund	\$ 372.75	
Dog Officer	40.00	
Court Fines	76.50	
Highways - Chapter 90	1,000.00	
		\$ 1,489.25

From State

Highways Chapter, 81-1946	\$ 1,390.17	
Highways, Chapter 81 - 1947	12,916.76	
Mass. State School Fund	9,399.42	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Vocational Education	849.45	
Tuition and Transportation	803.47	
Meal Tax	1,287.35	
Transportation	7,319.00	
Inspection of Animals	69.00	
		\$ 34,711.39

Protection of Persons and Property

Sealers Fees	\$ 32.70	
Fire Department	16.00	
		\$ 48.70

Health

Nurse Fees	\$ 387.85	
		\$ 387.85

Charities

State Temporary Aid	\$ 370.66	
State A. D. C.	2,203.20	
State O. A. A.	17,386.69	
Other Towns O. A. A.	1,472.60	
U. S. Grant O. A. A.	17,816.14	
U. S. Grant, O. A. A. Administrator	594.03	
U. S. Grant A. D. C.	2,347.57	
U. S. Grant A. D. C. Adminstrator	24.62	
		\$ 42,215.51

Schools

Tuition and Transportation	\$ 368.00	
		\$ 368.00

Unclassified

Collector's Fees	\$ 44.25	
Town Hall, Rent	193.00	
Alexander Hall, Rent	12.00	
Library Fines	185.75	
Machinery Account	3,574.99	
Sidewalk Construction, Abutters	436.32	
Tailings Account	12.20	
		\$ 4,458.51

Interest

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	\$	440.24
George F. Morgan Fund		76.31
Elisha Alexander Fund		40.40
Surplus Revenue		32.16
Belcher Ct. School Fund		26.10
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)		548.32
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)		6.06
Cemetery Funds (Stearns)		10.05
Cemetery Funds (Calender)		8.37
Library Fund		197.15
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund		60.30
Post War Fund		250.00
	\$	1,699.86

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	\$	4,550.00
Sale of Lots		220.00
	\$	4,770.00

Refunds

Schools	\$	159.26
Town of Warwick		10.00
Tin Salvage		16.28
Schell Bridge (Damage)		24.80
Temporary Aid		34.01
O. A. A.		16.75
A. D. C.		14.00
	\$	275.10

Total Cash Receipts for 1947	\$211,711.99
Cash on Hand January 1, 1947	44,206.53
	\$255,918.52



EXPENDITURES

Town Hall

Appropriation	\$	3,000.00
Appropriation By Transfer		218.27
Total Credits		
	\$	3,218.27

	Payments	
H. M. Haskell	\$	90.00
Chas. F. Slate		1,250.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.		198.48
Northfield Water Co.		14.24
F. M. Dunnell		865.00
H. W. Hammond		7.65
Alfred Holton		231.47
W. D. Miller		266.58
Leavis & Bolton		93.09
Ryan Bros.		67.48
C. B. Dolge		5.85
Spencer Bros.		44.00
Com. of Public Safety		5.00
Frank Anderson		33.00
Clark's Hardware		10.50
J. J. Bartus		15.00
Telechron Co.		3.64
E. A. Parker		8.00
Morgan's N. E. Store		1.68
Northfield School for Girls		7.61
	\$	3,218.27

	Painting Town Hall	
Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00

	Payments	
Stanley G. Barfitt	\$	2,323.50
G. N. Kidder		403.45
Leavis & Bolton		112.95
C. B. Dolge		133.95
Max W. Huber		10.00
	\$	2,983.85
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		16.15
	\$	3,000.00

	Equipment For Improvements in Town Hall Kitchen	
Appropriation		\$ 1,555.00
	Payments	
W. D. Miller	\$	481.76
Northfield School for Girls		199.19
Leavis and Bolton		212.92

Rugg Mfg. Co.	18.00	
J. J. Bartus	27.00	
Mrs. Maud Montague	3.00	
Frances G. Dwight	3.00	
Helen M. Stearns	3.00	
	\$ 947.87	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	607.13	
		\$ 1,555.00

Surfacing Town Hall Drive

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
	Payments	
Peter Yarmac	\$ 600.00	
		\$ 600.00

Selectmen

Appropriation		\$ 900.00
	Payments	
Ernest A. Parker	\$ 300.00	
George W. Carr	300.00	
George H. Sheldon	300.00	
		\$ 900.00

Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	36.35	
Total Credit		\$ 136.35
	Payments	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	\$ 33.30	
Hobbs & Warren	19.00	
Johnson & Johnson	19.65	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	8.45	
Mass. Selectmen's Association	31.00	
George W. Carr	4.00	
George H. Sheldon	2.00	
Ernest A. Parker	18.85	
	\$ 136.25	
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund	.10	
		\$ 136.35

Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
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William F. Hoehn	\$	15.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett		201.54	
	\$	216.54	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		33.46	
	\$		250.00

Appropriation		\$	500.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$	500.00
		<u> </u>	\$ 500.00

Appropriation	\$	150.00	
Appropriation, by Transfer		10.51	
Total Credit		<u> </u>	\$ 160.51
	Payments		
M. C. Skilton	\$	55.52	
Hobbs & Warren		48.93	
Barre Gazette Press		18.87	
Charles F. Slate		23.00	
Rand-Shaw Agency		5.00	
Harold La Plante		8.19	
Mass. Collector's Association		1.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 160.51

Appropriation		\$	100.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$	70.85
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			29.15
		<u>\$</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
	Payments	
Charles F. Slate	\$ 600.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 600.00

Treasurer
(Expense Account)

Appropriation	\$	140.00	
Appropriation by Transfer		31.54	
Total Credits			\$ 171.54
	Payments		
M. C. Skilton	\$	45.62	
Lawrence Quinlan		7.00	
Charles F. Slate		30.56	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.		48.41	
Treasurer's Association		1.00	
The Bookstore		38.95	
			\$ 171.54

Town Clerk

Appropriation, Salary	\$	400.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account		40.00	
Total Credit			\$ 440.00
	Payments		
Josephine S. Haskell	\$	400.00	
Hobbs & Warren		30.50	
American Writing Ink Co.		1.12	
Robinson Seal Co.		7.59	
	\$	439.21	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		.79	
			\$ 440.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation			\$ 500.00
	Payments		
C. L. Johnson, Registrars	\$	67.00	
Harry Gingras		67.00	
C. L. Gilbert, Registrars		7.00	
E. Hurley, Registrars		60.00	
Josephine Haskell, Registrars		7.00	
Election Officers, 8 at 8.50		68.00	
Northfield Press		28.75	
Robinson Seal Co.		15.22	
Josephine S. Haskell		30.34	
	\$	350.31	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		149.69	
			\$ 500.00

Assessors and Clerk

Appropriation		\$ 1,250.00
	Payments	
Fred S. Merrifield	\$ 250.00	
Clifford A. Field	250.00	
Ernest A. Parker	250.00	
Ernest A. Parker, Clerk,	500.00	
		\$ 1,250.00

Assessors and Clerk**(Expense Account)**

Appropriation	\$ 75.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	2.14	
Total Credits		\$ 77.14
	Payments	
Robinson Seal Co.	\$ 4.46	
Hobbs & Warren	52.08	
Stoneham Independent	1.00	
Assessor's Association	6.00	
Fred S. Merrifield	2.00	
Clifford A. Field	2.00	
Ernest A. Parker	9.60	
		\$ 77.14

Accountant

Appropriation, salary	\$ 700.00	
Appropriation, Expense Acct.	40.00	
Total Credit		\$ 740.00
	Payments	
Fred H. Doolittle	\$ 700.00	
The Bookstore	5.12	
Hobbs & Warren	2.42	
C. H. Demond	6.20	
F. H. Doolittle	15.20	
		\$ 728.94
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	11.06	
		\$ 740.00

Fire Department

Appropriation		\$ 1,700.00
	Payments	
C. L. Johnson	\$ 147.50	
Andrew Gray	112.50	
Alfred Holton	23.50	
Edward Bolton	43.00	
Clifford Bolton	38.00	

Fred I. Bolton	28.00	
Harrison Stacy	9.50	
Francis Reed	20.50	
George Lombard	7.00	
Charles Browning, Jr.	33.50	
Verne Ware	15.50	
E. Cullum	10.00	
Willis Parker	26.50	
Roy Barrows	4.00	
Lee Sheldon	8.00	
James Dale	17.50	
Joseph Morgan	35.50	
George W. Carr	6.50	
Dr. Bronson	12.00	
Sundry Persons	11.50	
		\$ 610.00

Telephone	\$ 71.16	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.47	
F. M. Dunnell	109.14	
Jordan Motor Sales	61.51	
Morgan's Garage	13.82	
Bill's Service Station	12.58	
Avery's Store	7.92	
Irish & Morgan	1.40	
Johnson & Johnson	8.00	
David Deane	283.07	
The Burden Bryant Co.	31.51	
Colton's Insurance Agency	155.00	
James R. Shea	6.00	
Willis K. Parker	57.62	
James H. Emerson	39.46	
		\$ 868.66
		\$ 1,478.66

Unexpended Balance to Revenue	221.34
	\$ 1,700.00

Water Holes

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
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Payments	
John Makin	\$ 50.00
Frank Anderson	68.38

C. L. Johnson		12.00	
Richard Summers		4.25	
Joseph Billman, Jr.		4.25	
		\$ 138.88	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		61.12	
		\$	200.00
	Hydrant Service		
Appropriation			\$ 400.00
	Payment		
Northfield Water Co.		\$ 400.00	
		\$	400.00
	Constable Pay		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00	
" By Transfer		5.95	
Total Credits			
		\$	305.95
	Payments		
M. E. Vorce		\$ 119.36	
Joseph Morgan		29.65	
Harry Haskell		121.90	
W. K. Parker		5.50	
John Addison		2.00	
M. M. Hammond		23.04	
Dean Williams		4.50	
		\$	305.95
	Dog Officer		
Appropriation		\$ 50.00	
" By Transfer		3.32	
	Payments		
		\$	53.32
Gilbert Hammond		\$ 53.32	
		\$	53.32
	Public Safety		
Appropriation			\$ 50.00
	Payments		
Chas. L. Johnson		\$ 6.00	
The H. & D. Fulson Co.		29.80	
		\$ 35.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		14.20	
		\$	50.00
	Inspection of Animals		
Appropriation			\$ 150.00
	Payments		
Gilbert Hammond		\$ 112.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		37.50	
		\$	150.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation, Salary	\$	125.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account		25.00	
			\$ 150.00
	Payments		
John Field	\$	125.00	
Robinson Seal Co.		5.82	
	\$	130.82	
			\$ 150.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	\$	19.18	

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation	\$	200.00	
	Payments		
Horace W. Bolton		71.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		128.50	
			\$ 200.00

Insurance

Appropriation	\$	1,200.00	
	Payments		
Arthur P. Fitt Agency			
Liability	\$	455.50	
Fire		725.98	
	\$	1,181.48	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		18.52	
			\$ 1,200.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation	\$	850.00	
	Payments		
Frank Anderson		163.20	
Calvin Kenney		16.80	
Richard Summers		64.40	
Francis Tenney		81.20	
B. F. Lawrence, Tree Expert		462.50	
Frank Anderson, Truck		57.40	
	\$	845.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		4.50	
			\$ 850.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation	\$	150.00	
	Payments		
John F. Field	\$	147.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		2.50	
			\$ 150.00

Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation			
Balance from 1946		\$	121.34
	Payments		
John F. Field		\$	3.75
Dean W. Williams			6.20
		\$	9.95
Unexpended Balance to 1948			111.39
		\$	121.34

Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation By Transfer		\$	3.00
	Payments		
Charles F. Slate		\$	3.00
		\$	3.00

Community Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation		\$	2,050.00
	Payments		
Natalie Gowan Hurley		\$	1,950.00
Lois W. Field			100.00
		\$	2,050.00

Car for Community Nurse

(Car Expense)

Appropriation		\$	350.00
	Payments		
Spencer Bros.		\$	118.14
G. C. Buffam			16.76
Stearns' Garage			18.79
Morgan's Garage			36.98
Roy Fish			99.14
Registry of Motor Vehicles			2.00
Natalie Hurley			4.21
C. I. Lord			8.00
W. D. Miller			.90
		\$	304.92
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			45.08
		\$	350.00

Community Nurse

(Expense Account)

Appropriation		\$	50.00
	Payments		
Natalie Gowan Hurley		\$	8.33
Johnson & Johnson			9.50

Mead & Wheeler	2.48	
Northfield Pharmacy	.50	
	\$ 20.81	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	29.19	
		\$ 50.00

Health

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
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Payments

Town of Greenfield	\$ 41.40	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette	2.81	
Alexander Nadas, M. D.	75.00	
Hobbs & Warren	3.50	
Northfield Press	.75	
J. S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	149.50	
	\$ 272.96	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	127.04	
		\$ 400.00

Highways—Chapter 81

Appropriation:		
Town Share	\$ 4,875.00	
State Share	14,625.00	
Transfer	.01	
Total Credits		\$19,500.01

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 1,566.06	
Labor:		
Robert Strange	1,021.40	
Robert Strange, Jr.	301.70	
Ignac Billman	746.70	
Henry Bassett	840.93	
Ernest Kenney	830.40	
Joseph Billman, Jr.	408.10	
A. A. Wiley	339.80	
Kenneth Ruhl	111.36	
Richard Strange	108.00	
Forest Carey	98.80	
Clifford Holton	16.80	
Paul Gibson	5.60	
Franklin Berry	5.60	
Herman Fisher	79.48	
Leon Randall	1,104.53	
Herbert Black	997.25	
		\$ 8,582.45

Trucks and Materials:

Town Truck #4	\$ 923.03
Town Truck #6	883.85
Scraper	91.80
Sander	45.65
Frank Anderson, Truck	423.50
Herman Fisher, Truck	213.35
Herman Fisher, Tractor	229.50
John Field, Truck	52.00
John Mackin, Shovel	1,226.00
Commonwealth of Mass.	27.00
Max W. Huber	20.65
Lake Asphalt Co.	1,051.50
American Tar Co.	278.44
New England Metal Culvert Co.	172.25
S. Ruben & Sons	24.15
Mrs. Natalie Parmenter	34.95
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	2,832.68
Ralph Gibson	1.89
	\$ 10,917.56
	\$ 19,500.01

Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation:

Town Share	\$ 1,000.00
County Share	1,000.00
State Share	2,000.00
	\$ 4,000.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 227.13
Labor:	
Henry Bassett	137.60
Robert Strange	154.40
Ernest Kenney	137.60
Ignac Billman	64.00
Bert Willey	25.60
Joseph Billman, Jr.	25.60
Leon Randall	198.05
Herbert Black	210.80
	\$ 1,180.78

Machinery and Supplies:

Town Truck #4	\$ 173.40
Town Truck #5	170.85
Town Sander	6.60
Herman Fisher, Truck	137.60

Frank Anderson, Truck	269.70	
J. V. McNeil, Truck	205.90	
John Mackin, Shovel	464.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	422.69	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	232.94	
State Prison Colony	136.50	
American Tar Co.	278.44	
Frank W. Hance	167.72	
Lewis Shine	152.88	
		\$ 2,819.22
		\$ 4,000.00

Highway Tools

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
	Payments	
Frank W. Hance	\$ 61.75	
W. D. Miller	10.49	
Avery's Store	4.25	
Irish & Morgan	1.80	
Morgan's Garage	6.50	
Ernest Kenney	2.00	
	\$ 86.79	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	13.21	
		\$ 100.00

Road Signs

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
	Payments	
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 63.00	
Ralph Gibson, Expense	1.49	
	\$ 64.49	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	35.51	
		\$ 100.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	1,224.51	
Total Credits		\$ 6,224.51
	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 647.49	
Labor:		
Robert Strange	360.65	
Henry Bassett	30.40	
Ernest Kenney	7.25	
Francis Fisher	28.35	

Russell Fisher	82.25	
Edmon Fisher	2.10	
Ignac Billman	14.70	
Robert Strange, Jr.	25.90	
Richard Strange	25.60	
Forest Carey	25.60	
Leon Randall	691.65	
Herbert Black	654.25	
		\$ 2,597.19

Trucks and Supplies :

Town Truck #4	\$ 526.03	
Town Truck #5	523.50	
Town Sander	111.90	
Herman Fisher, Truck	439.62	
Herman Fisher, Tractor	132.00	
J. F. Field, Walks	203.75	
Spencer Bros.	27.00	
Frederick L. Staiger	59.30	
Chemical Corporation	396.56	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	291.50	
Harold B. Allen	30.91	
Spencer Bros.	280.03	
Stearn's Garage	221.42	
Northfield Hotel Garage	240.07	
G. C. Buffam	43.72	
E. F. Edson Co.	86.73	
Harry A. Glaback	10.42	
W. D. Miller	1.46	
Avery's Store	.40	
		\$ 3,627.32
		\$ 6,254.51

Street Lights

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
	Payments	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 2,942.52	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	57.48	
		\$ 3,000.00

Additional Street Lights

Appropriation		\$ 168.00
	Payments	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 168.00	
		\$ 168.00

Sidewalk Construction 1946

Appropriation:

Balance for 1946 \$ 53.60

Payments

Peter Yarmac	\$ 53.60	
		\$ 53.60

Sidewalk Repairs

Appropriation \$ 100.00

Payments

Peter Yarmac	\$ 47.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	52.60	
		\$ 100.00

Sidewalk Construction

Appropriation \$ 1,000.00

Payments

Peter Yarmac	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 1,000.00

Beers Plain Drain

Appropriation \$ 5,500.00

Payments

Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 113.00	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	83.20	
Ernest Kenney	83.20	
Robert Strange	53.60	
Joseph Billman, Jr.	6.40	
Leon Randall	64.60	
Herbert Black	64.60	
		\$ 468.60

Trucks and Materials:

Town Truck #4	\$ 13.60	
Town Truck #5	13.60	
John Mackin	935.50	
New England Concrete Pipe Corp.	3,396.86	
Noyes Foundry	120.00	
Frank W. Hance	39.10	
W. D. Miller	67.00	
E. VanValkenburg	59.11	
J. E. Dunnell & Son	13.50	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	76.00	
		\$ 4,734.27

\$ 5,202.87

Unexpended Balance to Revenue

297.13

\$ 5,500.00

Bridges		
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
	Payments	
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 47.46	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	47.20	
Robert Strange	11.20	
Robert Strange, Jr.	11.90	
Ernest Kenney	50.00	
Ignac Billman	2.80	
Leon Randall	22.80	
Herbert Black	28.80	
		\$ 222.16
Trucks and Materials:		
Town Truck #4	\$ 26.35	
Town Truck #5	12.75	
Herman Fisher	14.50	
W. J. Stratford	26.88	
Melvin Miller	404.46	
William Dresser	128.94	
Frank W. Hance	7.50	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	4.50	
J. L. Dunnell & Son	1.80	
		\$ 627.68
		\$ 849.84
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		150.16

Railings		
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
	Payments	\$ 300.00
Ralph W. Gibson, Superintendent	\$ 9.04	
Labor:		
Robert Strange, Jr.	10.50	
Ignac Billman	7.70	
Kenneth Ruhl	2.80	
Robert Strange	6.40	
Richard Strange	19.20	
Forest Carey	19.20	
Leon Randall	18.80	
		\$ 93.64
Trucks and Materials:		
Town Truck #5	\$ 14.45	
Andrew Plotyzk	58.05	

Webster Box Co.	100.00	
Smead Lumber	1.76	
		\$ 174.26
		\$ 267.90
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		32.10
		\$ 300.00
Sanding Machine		
Appropriation		\$ 365.00
Payments		
Perkins-Eaton Mfg. Co.	\$ 347.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.50	
		\$ 365.00
Road Machinery Fund		
Appropriation by Transfer		\$ 2,000.00
Payments		
Colton's Insurance	\$ 162.80	
The Northfield Garage	150.20	
Spencer Bros.	744.25	
Stearn's Garage	794.09	
G. C. Buffam	24.41	
Unitarian Church	40.00	
Leon Randall	13.20	
Herbert Black	16.15	
		\$ 1,945.00
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Account	55.00	
		\$ 2,000.00
Public Welfare		
Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Payments		
Cash Payments	\$ 3,698.12	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,398.88	
		\$ 5,000.00
Public Welfare Clerk		
Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Payments		
George W. Carr	\$ 150.00	
		\$ 150.00
P. W., O. A. A. and A. D. C. Administrator		
Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Payments		
George W. Carr	\$ 22.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	277.50	
		\$ 300.00

Aid to Dependent Children		
Appropriation		\$ 5,200.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 5,150.43	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	49.57	
		\$ 5,200.00

Aid to Dependent Children		
(U. S. Grant)		
Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 6.85	
Receipts for 1947	2,331.59	
Total Credit		\$ 2,338.24
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 2,032.32	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	305.92	
		\$ 2,338.24

Aid to Dependent Children		
(U. S. Grant Administrator)		
Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 3.00	
Receipts for 1947	24.62	
Total Credits		\$ 27.62
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 7.50	
New England Tel. & Tel.	.15	
	\$ 7.65	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	19.97	
		\$ 27.62

O. A. A. Administrator		
(U. S. Grant)		
Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 376.78	
Receipts for 1947	594.03	
Total Credits		\$ 970.81
	Payments	
George W. Carr	\$ 300.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	8.65	
Bookstore	2.78	
Hobbs & Warren	12.75	
Postage	5.31	

Greater Boston Community Centers	5.50	
	<u>\$ 334.99</u>	
Balance to 1948	635.82	
	<u>\$ 970.81</u>	

Old Age Assistance (U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946	\$ 100.45	
Receipts for 1947	17,816.14	
	<u></u>	
Total Credits		\$ 17,916.59
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 16,100.81	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	1,815.78	
	<u>\$ 17,916.59</u>	

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		\$ 28,000.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 26,887.39	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,112.61	
	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>	

Soldier's Relief

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 1,220.81	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1,279.19	
	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	

George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation and Income		\$ 183.24
	Payments	
Cash Payments	\$ 46.41	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	136.83	
	<u>\$ 183.24</u>	

Elisha Alexander Fund

Appropriation Balance from 1946	\$ 111.76	
Appropriation Receipts for 1947	40.40	
	<u></u>	
Total Credits		\$ 152.16
	Payments	
No Transaction:		
Balance to 1948		\$ 152.16

Schools

Appropriation		\$ 58,089.00
	Payments	
General:		
Superintendent, Robert Taylor	\$ 1,610.00	

Clerk, Helen Dean	246.75	
Clerk, Catherine Rickert	144.90	
Telephone	139.34	
Travel Expense	30.54	
Nurse	350.00	
School Census	15.00	
School Physician	150.00	
		\$ 2,686.53
Teachers' Salaries:		
Chester Parker	\$ 1,900.00	
George M. Leonard	2,720.00	
M. Carleton Brown	2,500.00	
Harold H. McLean	2,300.00	
Evelyn Lawley	2,400.00	
E. L. Findly	1,371.00	
Nellie Dearstyne	2,250.00	
Beryle M. Stimson	840.00	
Dorothy M. Billings	800.00	
Eleanor A. Merriam	840.00	
Dorothy O. Totman	2,100.00	
Elizabeth Braley	1,990.00	
Mary Dalton	1,990.00	
Ruth Bolton	1,550.00	
Evelyn M. Parker	1,980.00	
Virginia S. Haack	2,000.00	
Elizabeth Hudson	800.00	
Ruth E. Sullivan	1,150.00	
Ruth Stebbins, Music	300.00	
W. L. Rinehart, Penmanship	350.00	
Ruth Stebbins, Substitute	95.00	
Catherine Sheldon, Substitute	330.00	
Evelyn Miller	21.00	
Mrs. Paul Mayberry	7.00	
Mrs. Cochrine	7.00	
		\$ 32,591.50
Text Books & Supplies:		
Text Books	\$ 1,195.78	
Domestic Science	104.39	
Students' Supplies	886.43	
		\$ 2,186.60
Tuition, Vocational:		
Town of Greenfield	\$ 1,637.28	
		\$ 1,637.28
Transportation:		
The Northfield	\$ 5,730.25	

James Dressor	1,459.00	
L. A. Barber	1,435.00	
Robert Dumbreck	800.00	
		\$ 9,424.25
Janitors :		
Leo Fortier	\$ 1,699.92	
Edward Fortier	545.10	
Richard Whitney	154.15	
Edward Parmenter	72.60	
Ralph Miller	4.00	
		\$ 2,475.77
Fuel, Lights and Water :		
John Mackin	\$ 1,860.23	
G. O. Dunnell	993.44	
F. M. Dunnell	77.60	
MacIntosh & Son	47.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	752.40	
Northfield Water Co.	109.18	
		\$ 3,839.85
Maintenance and Equipment :		
Repairs	\$ 849.43	
New Equipment	1,018.41	
		\$ 1,867.84
Janitors' Supplies	\$ 683.07	
Sundry Educational Equipment	317.83	
		\$ 1,000.90
		\$ 58,089.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		378.51
		\$ 58,089.00

School Committee

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payments	
Sidney H. Given	\$ 50.00	
Lillian G. Wells	50.00	
Irving J. Lawrence	50.00	
		\$ 150.00

School Fence

Appropriation from 1946	\$ 850.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	19.74	
		\$ 869.74
	Payments	
Frank W. Hance	\$ 804.74	
F. Dean Avery Associates	65.00	
		\$ 869.74

Belcher School Fund

Appropriation:		
Income from Funds 1947	\$	36.10
	Payments	
No Transaction:		
Balance to 1948	\$	36.10

School No. 4

(Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation, Balance from 1946	\$	250.00
	Payments	
Alfred Holton	\$	242.04
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		7.96
	————— \$	250.00

Re-Opening of Abandoned School Building

Appropriation	\$	100.00
	Payments	
Leavis & Bolton	\$	74.83
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		7.96
	————— \$	100.00

Library

Appropriation	\$	3,300.00
	Payments	
Mrs. Florence Phelps	\$	1,266.60
Louis Abbey		330.00
L. A. Barber		12.00
Mrs. Warren Randall		94.28
Mrs. H. Ruhl		68.90
Mrs. Stanley Bell		210.93
Lucy Eveleth		125.00
F. M. Dunnell		306.95
Northfield Water Co.		12.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.		104.84
C. R. Finch		20.00
Book of The Month Club		26.95
The H. R. Hunting Co.		238.20
Barrett & Baker		9.56
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		6.00
C. H. Demond		54.67
H. W. Wilson Co.		2.90
Johnson & Johnson		12.50
Durico Library Supplies		49.90
Springfield News		41.26
Gaylord Bros.		3.60
J. S. Wesby & Sons		32.92
Conture Bros.		228.00

H. W. Hammond	13.25
Mrs. Florence Phelps (cash)	10.00
American Library Association	5.00
A. J. Anderson	3.00
W. D. Miller	4.03
The Carolier Society, Inc.	2.60
Vocational Guidance Manual	1.87
Fiske & Strecker	1.18
Morgan's N. E. Store	.54

\$ 3,299.43

Unexpended Balance to Revenue .57

\$ 3,300.00

Library Funds

Appropriation:

Balance from 1946 \$.03

Income Received in 1947 197.15

\$ 197.18

Payments

Mrs. Florence Phelps \$ 116.66

Louis Abbey 30.00

Petty cash 10.00

\$ 156.66

Balance to 1948 40.52

\$ 197.18

C. P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation, Balance from 1946 \$ 14.31

Income from 1947 60.30

Total Credits \$ 74.61

Payments

The H. R. Huntting Co. \$ 71.41

H. W. Wilson Co. 2.90

\$ 74.31

Balance to 1948 .30

\$ 74.61

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation \$ 75.00

Payments

Chas. L. Gilbert, Treasurer \$ 75.00

\$ 75.00

Alexander Hall

Appropriation \$ 175.00

Payments

Leo Fortier \$ 120.00

W. D. Miller 8.18

Braff, Cleaners	13.70	
Mrs. Evelyn Hiller	.30	
A. L. Goodrich	6.00	
Mrs. Marian Billings	2.75	
	\$ 150.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	24.07	
		\$ 175.00

Alexander Hall

(Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1946		\$ 250.00
	Payments	
No Transaction:		
Unexpended Balance to 1948	\$ 250.00	
		\$ 250.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		\$ 175.00
	Payments	
Fred Avery	\$ 2.80	
John Wilson Co.	10.00	
Greenfield-Montague Transportation Co.	13.62	
Johnson & Johnson	8.40	
Clark's Sound Service	10.00	
Robert B. Hubbell	1.80	
Rev. Albert Buchanan	25.00	
Greenfield High School Band	25.00	
Alice Kenney	27.00	
Harold Briesmaster	2.00	
Northfield School for Girls	8.80	
	\$ 134.42	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	40.58	
		\$ 175.00

Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
	Payments	
Northfield Water Co.	\$ 75.00	
Willis K. Parker	50.00	
C. L. Johnson	3.50	
	\$ 128.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	21.50	
		\$ 150.00

Care of Athletic Field

Appropriation			\$	200.00
	Payments			
John F. Field		\$	95.00	
W. D. Miller			46.59	
Robert Whitney			10.00	
Northfield School for Girls			7.00	
Sundry Persons			5.10	
		\$	163.68	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			36.32	
			\$	200.00

Fish for Town Streams

Appropriation			\$	200.00
	Payments			
Beverly Hills Trout Farm		\$	200.00	
			\$	200.00

Town Reports

Appropriation			\$	400.00
	Payments			
Northfield Press		\$	293.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			106.50	
			\$	400.00

Bonds and Damage

Appropriation		\$	400.00	
Appropriation by Transfer			11.34	
Total Credits			\$	411.34

	Payments			
Colton's Insurance Agency		\$	153.75	
Roy Fish			88.59	
Central Vermont R. R.			94.00	
County of Franklin			75.00	
			\$	411.34

Reserve Fund

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00	
Appropriation By Transfer			118.75	
Total Credits				
			\$	2,118.75

	Payments			
Payment By Transfer				
(Provisional Transfer)		\$	100.00	
(Hydrant Service)				
Town Hall			218.27	
Selectmen's Expense			36.35	

W. D. Miller	5.65	
Morgan's Garage	1.72	
	\$ 242.96	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	15.81	
		\$ 258.77

Northfield Farms Cemetery

Appropriation	\$ 250.00	
" Income	49.22	
Total Credits		\$ 299.22
Payments		
Winfred K. Broad	\$ 49.71	
C. C. Morgan	139.05	
G. N. Kidder	31.25	
Joe Koslowski	14.70	
E. Nash	5.00	
Fayette Baron	21.50	
John Hammond	5.39	
	\$ 266.60	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	32.62	
		\$ 229.22

West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation		
Balance from 1946	\$ 241.43	
Income	244.93	
		\$ 486.36
Payments		
Carleton Holton	\$ 82.55	
Alexander Higgins	81.20	
Franklin Barry	37.80	
Ralph Holton	21.00	
Avery's Store	28.95	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	1.25	
	\$ 252.75	
Unexpended Balance to 1948	233.61	
		\$ 486.36

Mary Callender Fund

Appropriation from 1946	\$ 173.00	
" from Income	8.37	
Total Credits		\$ 181.37
Payments		

George N. Kidder	\$	36.20	
Unexpended Balance to 1948		145.17	
			\$ 181.37
Calvin Stearns Fund			
Appropriation from 1946	\$	10.00	
" from Income		10.05	
Total Credits			\$ 20.05
Payments			
George N. Kidder	\$	10.05	
Unexpended Balance to 1948		10.00	
			\$ 20.05
Post War Fund			
Income from 1947			\$ 250.00
Payments			
Franklin Savings Inst.		250.00	
			\$ 250.00
Interest			
Appropriation			\$ 300.00
Payments			
Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$	270.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		30.00	
			\$ 300.00
Grade School Debt			
Appropriation			\$ 4,500.00
Payments			
The Merchant's Nat'l Bank of Boston	\$	4,500.00	
			\$ 4,500.00

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Recapitulation

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Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Town Hall Painting	\$ 2,983.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 16.25
Moderator and Counsel	216.54	250.00	33.46
Collector's Adding Machine	70.85	100.00	29.15
Town Clerk	439.21	440.00	.79
Election and Registration	350.31	500.00	149.69
Accountant	729.94	740.00	11.06
Fire Department	1,478.66	1,700.00	221.34
Water Holes	138.88	200.00	61.12
Public Safety	35.80	50.00	14.20
Inspection of Animals	112.50	150.00	37.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	130.82	150.00	19.18

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter	71.50	200.00	128.50
Insurance	1,181.48	1,200.00	18.52
Gypsy Moth	845.50	850.00	4.50
Tree Warden	147.50	150.00	2.50
Nurse (Car expense)	304.92	350.00	45.08
Community Nurse (Expense Account)	20.81	50.00	29.19
Health	189.46	400.00	210.54
Highway Tools	86.79	100.00	13.21
Highway Signs	64.49	100.00	35.51
Street Lights	2,942.52	3,000.00	57.48
Sidewalk Repairs	47.40	100.00	52.60
Bridges	861.48	1,000.00	137.52
Beer's Plain Drain	5,202.87	5,500.00	297.13
Railings	287.50	300.00	12.50
Public Welfare	3,601.12	5,000.00	1,398.88
P.W. O.A.A. and A.D.C. Administrator	22.50	300.00	277.50
Aid to Dependent Children	5,150.43	5,200.00	49.57
Old Age Assistance	26,887.39	28,000.00	1,112.61
Soldier's Relief	1,220.81	2,500.00	1,279.19
Schools	57,710.49	58,089.00	378.51
School, Lighting No. 4	242.04	250.00	7.96
Repair of Abandoned School	74.80	100.00	25.17
Library	2,299.43	3,300.00	.57
Alexander Hall	150.93	175.00	24.07
Memorial Day	136.42	175.00	40.58
Clock and Fountain	128.50	150.00	21.50
Care of Athletic Field	163.68	200.00	36.32
Town Reports	293.50	400.00	106.50
Town Survey Committee		50.00	50.00
Sanding Machine	247.52	265.00	17.50
Interest	270.00	300.00	30.00
Unexpended Balance to Revenue			\$6,395.95
Town Hall	3,218.27	3,218.27	
Town Hall Drive	600.00	600.00	
Selectmen	900.00	900.00	
Collector	500.00	500.00	
Collector's Expense	160.51	160.51	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Treasurer's Expense	171.54	171.54	
Assessor's and Clerk	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Assessor's and Clerk Expense	77.14	77.14	
Constable Pay	305.95	305.95	
Dog Officer	53.32	53.32	
Tax Title Foreclosure	300.00	300.00	
Community Nurse	2,050.00	2,050.00	

Highways — 81	19,500.01	19,500.01	
Highways — 90	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Snow Removal	6,224.51	6,224.51	
Street Light Extention	168.00	168.00	
Sidewalk Construction '46	53.60	53.60	
Sidewalk Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00	
School Committee	150.00	150.00	
School Fence	869.74	869.74	
Northfield Farms Library	75.00	75.00	
Fish for Town Streams	200.00	200.00	
Bonds and Damage	411.34	411.34	
Income from U. S. Bonds	250.00	250.00	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Town Hall Kitchen	947.87	1,555.00	607.13
Planting and Care of Trees	9.95	121.34	111.39
Machinery Account	2,000.00	13,338.43	11,338.43
A.D.C. (U. S. Grant)	2,032.32	2,338.24	305.92
A.D.C. (U. S. Grant Adms.)	7.65	27.62	19.97
O.A.A. (U. S. Grant Adms.)	334.99	970.81	635.82
O.A.A. (U. S. Grant)	16,100.81	17,916.59	1,815.78
George F. Morgan Fund	46.41	183.24	136.83
Elisha Alexander Fund		152.16	152.16
Belcher School Fund		26.10	26.10
Library Funds	156.66	197.18	40.52
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	74.31	74.61	.30
Alexander Hall (Auxiliary Lights)		250.00	250.00
Northfield Farms Cemetery	266.60	299.22	32.62
Cemetery Trust Funds, (Center)	245.96	268.77	22.81
West Northfield Cemetery	252.75	491.36	238.61
Mary Callender Fund	36.20	181.37	145.17
Calvin Stearns Fund	10.05	20.05	10.00
Oil for Center Cemetery Road		235.00	235.00
Unexpended Balance to 1948			\$16,124.56
Selectmen's Expense Account	136.25	136.35	.10
Hydrant Service	400.00	500.00	100.00
Cemeteries	731.35	750.00	18.65
Unexpended Balance to Reserve		\$	118.75
Balance to Machinery Account			
Road Machinery Fund	1,945.00	2,000.00	55.00
Balance to Overlay Reserve			
Reserve Fund	1,816.68	2,118.75	302.07

Additional Payments

State Tax	15.50
State Tax, (Parks and Reservations)	88.56
State Audit	465.49
County Tax	5,082.12
Veteran's Rehabilitation	615.60
Cost of Taxes	51.90
Investment Funds	4,250.00
Dog Officer, (County)	30.00
Dog Licenses	623.60
Withholding Tax	4,596.50
County Retirement	161.22
Refund Tax, Poll	20.00
Refund Tax, Real Estate	7.50
Refund Tax, Motor Vehicle Excise	135.67
Total Cash Payments	\$207,598.27
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1947	48,320.25
	\$255,918.52



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1947

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities and Reserves</i>
Cash	\$ 48,320.25	
Taxes 1946	5,381.16	
Taxes 1947, Poll	118.00	
Taxes 1947, Personal	1,933.00	
Taxes 1947, Real Estate	13,781.54	
Taxes 1947 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,837.08	
Revenue Motor Vehicle Excise		\$ 1,837.08
Northeastern Salvage Co.	3,589.01	
Timber Salvage		3,589.01
Accounts Receivable		
Temporary Aid	25.30	
A. D. C.	665.93	
O. A. A.	81.43	
Snow Removal	385.34	
Schools	28.20	

Departmental Revenue		1,186.20
Tax Title	774.44	
Tax Title Revenue		774.44
State and County Aid to Highways	4,708.24	
State and County Aid to Highway Revenue		4,708.24
Cemetery Lot Funds		1,950.62
Overlay, 1946		1,660.22
Overlay, 1947		1,202.48
Overlay Reserve		2,096.59
State Parks and Reservations		32.73
County Tax		1,447.06
Cost of Taxes		44.25
Tailings		32.53
E. & D. Surplus Revenue		42,717.74
Sale of Real Estate		1,260.00
Sale of Tax Title		25.44
Investment Funds		300.00
Dog Officer (County)	14.00	
Dog License (County)		1.80
Withholding Tax		531.00
County Retirement		120.93
Town Hall Kitchen		607.13
Planting and Care of Trees		111.39
Machinery Account		11,338.43
U. S. Grant		
A. D. C.		305.92
A. D. C. Administrator		19.97
O. A. A. Administrator		635.82
O. A. A.		1,815.78
George F. Morgan Fund		136.83
Elisha Alexander Fund		152.16
Center School Fund		26.10
Belcher Library Funds		40.52
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund		.30
Alexander Hall, (Lighting)		250.00
Cemetery Funds		
Center		22.81
Farms		32.62
West Northfield		238.61
Road Oil (Center)		235.00
Mary Callender Fund		145.17
Calvin Stearns Fund		10.00
	\$ 81,642.92	\$ 81,642.92

Board of Assessors' Report



For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Value of Real Estate		\$1,739,683.00
Value of Personal Estate		245,120.00
Rate per \$1,000	\$ 50.00	
Polls Assessed	676	
Motor Excise Commitment		7,049.75
Number of horses assessed	88	
Number of cattle assessed	1,117	
Number of swine assessed	12	
Number of goats assessed	19	
Number of fowl assessed	5,405	
Number of sheep assessed	11	

Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, Nov. 5, 1946:

Auxiliary lighting in Alexander Hall from surplus revenue	\$ 250.00
New sanding machine from machinery account	365.00
Snow Removal account from surplus revenue	1,400.00
Old Age Assistance account from surplus revenue	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children from surplus revenue	900.00
School Department account from surplus revenue	172.00
New fence, south end of playground from surplus revenue	850.00
Auxiliary lighting at School Building No. 4 from surplus revenue	250.00

Appropriations from available funds, Feb. 3, 1947:

Road Machinery fund from Machinery account	2,000.00
Chapter 81 highway work from available funds	14,625.00
Chapter 90 construction from available funds	3,000.00
Oiling Center Cemetery roads from Cemetery Lots fund	235.00
Reserve Fund from overlay reserve	2,000.00

Appropriations to be raised by taxation, Feb. 3, 1947:

Northfield Farms Library	75.00
Tree Warden	150.00
Street lighting	3,000.00
Highway tools	100.00
Schools	58,089.00
Treasurer's salary	600.00
Treasurer's expense account	140.00

Bridges	1,000.00
Soldiers' relief	2,500.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Animal inspection	150.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Selectmen's salary	900.00
Selectmen's expense account	100.00
Old Age Assistance	28,000.00
Public Welfare clerk	150.00
School Committee salary	150.00
Inspection meat and slaughtering	200.00
Public health	400.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Town reports	400.00
Bonds and damages	400.00
Fire department	1,700.00
Maintenance of water holes	200.00
Department Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,200.00
Town Clerk's salary	400.00
Town Clerk's expense account	40.00
Election and registration	500.00
Fire and Casualty insurance	1,200.00
Sealer of weights and measures	125.00
Sealer's expense account	25.00
Accountant's salary	700.00
Accountant's expense account	40.00
Assessors' salaries	1,250.00
Assessors' expense account	75.00
Town Hall care	3,000.00
Interest account	300.00
Town clock and fountain	150.00
Snow removal	5,000.00
Public Safety	50.00
Road signs	100.00
Tax Collector's salary	500.00
Tax Collector's expense account	150.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	3,300.00
Gypsy moth	850.00
Painting Town Hall	3,000.00
Salary Town Nurse and substitute	2,050.00
Town nurse's expense account	50.00
Nurse's car expense account	350.00
Beer's Plain Road drainage	5,500.00
Railings	300.00
Grade school building debt	4,500.00
Cemeteries	850.00

Chapter 81 highway work	4,875.00
Chapter 90 construction	1,000.00
Equipment for improvements in Town Hall kitchen	1,555.00
Surfacing Town Hall driveways	600.00
Sidewalk repairs	100.00
Memorial Day	175.00
Constables' pay	300.00
Salary, A. D. C. and O. A. A. clerk	300.00
Fish for liberating in Northfield	200.00
Cement sidewalk from Warwick Avenue north	1,000.00
Adding machine for Treasurer and Collector	100.00
Athletic Field care	200.00
Installation 3 street lights Glen Road	63.00
Installation 2 street lights Millers Falls Road, south of Garfield's	42.00
Installation 2 street lights Millers Falls Road, F. Bartus to Erving line	42.00
Installation 1 street light Birnam and Hotel Roads	21.00
Abandoned Schoolhouse repairs	100.00
Appropriations to be raised by taxation, March 27, 1947:	
Hydrant service	400.00
Total appropriations	\$185,554.00
State Tax	\$ 1,550.00
State Parks and Reservations	121.29
State Parks and Reservations 1946 underestimate	45.49
State audit of municipal accounts	465.49
Investigation of Veterans' Benefits	615.60
County Tax	6,529.18
County Tax 1946 underestimate	111.22
Overlay	2,024.98
Gross amount to be raised	\$197,017.25

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$ 7,032.38
Corporation taxes	3,088.74
Reimbursement—state owned land	207.32
Gasoline tax	4,507.40
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	3,450.00
Licenses	85.00
General government	400.00
Health and Sanitation	300.00
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to de- pendent children)	18,000.00

Old age tax (meals)	1,037.50	
Schools	8,000.00	
Libraries	100.00	
Interest on taxes	400.00	
American Youth Hostel's gift	20.00	
Supplemental Cherry sheet, 5-6-47	3,749.76	
Tax rate reduction from surplus revenue	15,000.00	
Transfers from available funds	31,047.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$ 96,425.10
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$100,592.15
Poll tax	\$ 1,352.00	
Personal property tax	12,256.00	
Real estate tax	86,984.15	
Total taxes levied on polls and property		\$100,592.15

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD,
CLIFFORD A. FIELD,
ERNEST A. PARKER,

Assessors.

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Fire Chief and Forest Warden

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During the year 1947 the Fire Department responded to 29 fire calls and one successful Inhalator call,

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,

Fire Chief.

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During the year ending December 31, 1947, there were three grass fires.

Four hundred and twenty-five permits were given to burn.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. GRAY,

Forest Fire Warden.

Finance Committee Report



The Finance Committee was organized for the year 1947 with A. Gordon Moody as chairman and Dorothy L. Miller as secretary.

All financial matters coming before the town have been considered and recommendations made.

Transfers from the reserve fund have been authorized as follows:

Cemetery Account	\$ 150.00
Town Hall	195.87
Selectmen's Expense Account	36.35
Collector's Expense Account	10.51
Treasurer's Expense Account	31.54
Assessor's Expense Account	2.14
Tax Title Foreclosure	3.00
Highways, Chapter 81	.01
School Fence	19.74
Bonds and Damage	11.34
Town Hall Maintenance	22.40
Constables Pay	5.95
Dog Officer	3.32
Snow Removal	1,224.51

Respectfully submitted,

A. GORDON MOODY,
ROSS L. SPENCER,
FRED I. BOLTON,
WALTER H. HYDE,
WILLIAM E. PARK,
DOROTHY L. MILLER,
Finance Committee.

Welfare Department Report



No. of General Relief Cases	10
No. of Soldiers Relief Cases	3
No. of Aid to Dependent Children	7

Old Age Assistance

No. of Recipients January 1, 1947	63
Cases received during the year	12
Cases closed during the year	10
No. of Recipients December 31, 1947	65

General Relief

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
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Payments

Cash	\$1,130.17
Mrs. D. C. Donahue	189.51
F. M. Dunnell	165.12
Edward Lucew	270.00
Melvin Miller	58.00
Northfield Pharmacy	207.91
Dr. A. B. True	42.00
Irish & Morgan Store	301.62
Morgan's N. E. Store	506.31
Avery's Store	8.42
Dr. G. P. Hall	15.00
Dr. L. H. Mendelson	62.50
Podlinski Brothers	32.00
J. C. Penney Co.	38.31
Vida A. Fellows	60.06
John Wilson Co.	26.75
Dr. W. F. Dodd	10.00
Montgomery Ward	23.66
Elliott Mem. Hospital	34.58
Dr. Robert Holmes	100.00
Dr. C. S. Lancey	48.00
The Northfield	3.50
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	1.16
J. W. Field	3.00
New England Tel. & Tel.	.40
Town Truck	29.58
Mrs. Dean Williams	12.00
City of Boston	172.50

H. E. Hamilton	29.72
Tenney Farms	10.59
Farren Mem. Hospital	8.75
Total	<u>\$3,601.12</u>
Unexpended balance	\$1,398.88
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Payments

Georganna Gorman	\$ 901.26
Dr. H. L. Craft	6.00
March's Pharmacy	44.84
Baker Pharmacy	11.01
Dr. L. S. Boch	31.00
Lois Russell	50.00
Mass. Dept. of Public Welfare	55.50
Mrs. Robert Fuller	58.00
George N. Kidder	60.00
New England Tel. & Tel.	3.20
Total	<u>\$1,220.81</u>
Unexpended balance	1,279.19
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$5,200.00
U. S. Grant	2,338.24
Total	<u>\$7,538.24</u>

Payments

Cash	\$7,182.75
Unexpended balance	355.49
	<u>\$7,538.24</u>

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$28,000.00
U. S. Grant	17,916.59
	<u>\$45,916.59</u>

Payments

Cash	\$42,355.68
Town of Montague	385.96
Town of Wakefield	41.33
Town of Bernardston	47.03
Town of Greenfield	44.35

City of Springfield	17.20
City of Boston	96.65
Total	<u>\$42,988.20</u>
Unexpended balance	2,928.39
	<u>\$45,916.59</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CARR,

Chairman, Board of Public Welfare.

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Jury List

Abbott, Robert D.	Fish, Roy J.
Anderson, Frank W.	Hyde, Walter W.
Avery, Fred G.	Jordan, Paul G.
Bartus, Joseph J.	Martin, Leslie A.
Bistrek, Stanley T.	Miller, Carroll H.
Black, Julian O.	Miner, Herman A.
Browning, Charles R. Jr.	Olds, Charles B.
Clough, Richard	Smith, Samuel H.
Dresser, James E.	Spaulding, Clarence H.
Eastman, Hubert J.	Szestowicki, Frank P.
Field, Joseph W.	Thompson, Paul B.
Webber, Louis A.	

Cemetery Commission Report



Appropriation	\$ 850.00
Transfer	150.00
Interest Fund	307.99
	\$1,307.99
Bill approved for care of cemeteries	1,243.91
Unexpended Balance	\$ 64.08
Rec. for care of Spofford Lot	\$ 4.06
Pd. for labor and fertilizer	\$ 4.06
C. C. Stearns Lot	
Pd. Labor, Cleaning Base and fertilizer	10.05
Cash from Interest fund	10.05
Mary H. Callendar and Holton Lot	
Labor, spading lot, fertilizer and loam, cleaning monument and headstones	36.20
Cash from Interest fund	36.20

CASH RECEIVED FOR SALE OF LOTS

Name	Lot No.	Cemetery	Recorded	Price
			Vol. 1 Pg.	
Charles T. Sibley	36	Mt. Hermon	381	\$ 25.00
Maximilla Hachita	A9	Center	382	15.00
Fred Aldrich	138	West Northfield	383	25.00
George Smalley, Sr.	41	Center	384	15.00
Murray Hammond	22½ - 23½	Farms	385	40.00
Cecil Wilson	146	West Northfield	386	15.00
Jennie Warnock	290	Center	387	20.00
Lewis Houdus	31	Mt. Hermon	388	25.00
Perley Martin	118	West Northfield	389	15.00
Mrs. Sanford Edson	A13	Center	390	25.00
Paid Town of Northfield				\$220.00

In 1947 we had an appropriation for oiling the road in the Center Cemetery. Due to rising cost of material, etc., we were unable to do the work for the amount appropriated. We have made arrangements to have the amount carried over to 1948. We hope to appropriate the remaining sum so that we may do the work in the spring.

GEORGE N. KIDDER,
CARLTON W. HOLTON
CHARLES C. MORGAN
Commissioners.

Park Commissioner's Report



I herewith submit my report of work accomplished at the athletic field during the year 1947.

The athletic field during the past summer was in its best condition for several seasons. Early in the spring, several loads of loam were added to the baseball diamond, grading and seeding done, the base paths were widened to regulation width, and the pitcher's mound was rebuilt. Several loads of sand, donated by the Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Company, were added to the base paths and mixed with the hard loam and clay to produce a much better playing surface. The infield was fertilized and frequently mowed.

A fence was erected on the west side of the field with posts donated by Clayton Glazier and cut by members of the Northfield A. A. This fence, like all previous fences, did not last long as the children persisted in going over or under it rather than around it. A more permanent fence similar to the one now located at the south end of the field would be far more practical and would make a fine appearance. A fully enclosed athletic field to which admission could be charged for athletic contests would pay for itself within a few years.

The banking on the west side of the field where hundreds of large tree trunks were dumped after the hurricane of 1938 costs baseball teams nearly two hundred dollars each year. Most baseballs hit into that area get lost in the maze of trunks. This banking should be burned over in the spring and should be filled in with sand, ashes, and gravel.

The bleachers which I had hoped could be replaced by modern portable steel bleachers were used again this year. They are in very poor condition and are insufficient to seat the increased number of spectators at the many baseball games played during the summer.

At least three organized baseball teams used the field during the past year with attendance reaching as many as five hundred on occasions. Three or four games were played each week. The athletic field is finding increasing use each year. With this increased use, the field is showing greater signs of wear. More grading, seeding and fertilizing will be necessary this spring. The fence will have to be rebuilt and the baseball diamond worked over.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed time and materials worth over \$200 for the upkeep and improvement of the athletic field. Among this group are Mr. Fred Kelly, Mr. Clayton Glazier, Mr. Robert Thompson, members of the Northfield A. A., and boys of Northfield High School.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD,

Park Commissioner.



Public Health Nurse



To the Selectmen and citizens of the town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Public Health Nurse of the town of Northfield.

Once again this year the Fortnightly generously contributed ten dollars. In the past years this money has been used for the purchase of cod liver oil pills to be distributed to worthy children. However, this year the need was not as great, and, as I felt there was a need in dental work, five dollars was used for dentistry, and five dollars for pills.

In April of this year the Red Cross Blood Bank Mobile Unit, came to Northfield for one day. The Health Council was in charge. There were 73 donors with 61 pints of blood being obtained.

Again in June the Well Child Clinic was held for three days at the Center School. In previous years the clinic has been for two days but with the added interest shown, it seemed advisable to hold the clinic three days. Dr. Alexander Nadas, pediatrician of Greenfield, was attending physician, and Mrs. Gerda Horst was present as State Nutritionist. There were 63 children examined.

In September I was on duty at the Franklin County Fair for one afternoon, as the Public Health Nurse of Franklin County were in attendance in the First Aid Room.

In December the annual Diphtheria clinic was held with 27

children being inoculated. Dr. T. Wilson Dean was the attending physician.

The following is a report of my work for the year:

Chronic cases	818
Acute cases	108
Prenatal visits	3
Delivery	1
Postnatal visits	10

Health Supervision

Infant	203
Adult	83
Preschool	40
School	68
T. B. cases	16
Social Service	10
Transportation	84
Meetings attended	9
Talks given	3
Parents not at home	4
Fees collected	\$408.35

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE GOWEN HURLEY.

Dickinson Library Report



Your trustees have given diligent attention to the wise expenditure of available funds and have made possible the distribution of books, with special attention to children and the young people of the Public Schools. New books have been selected and purchased. The Reading Room has been maintained and our splendid building—in use for fifty years—has received some repairs. The outside trim and the fire-escape have received two coats of paint.

The Town may well be proud of the Dickinson Memorial Library building and we feel that our citizens desire the management of the Library to be in harmony with such a substantial building. Fifty years of use mean that the problem of repairs is now always urgent. We hope to improve our lighting system. The first floor rooms should be re-decorated, and there is pressing need of more shelf room. At present the Library has 11,122 books, of which 454 were added in 1947.

It has been pleasant to receive, during the year, gifts from friends of the Library. We received from the L. R. Smith Estate, through the courtesy of Dr. Richard Smith, a superb collection of Indian arrow-heads and clay stones. These are on display in the Library Museum.

The following were donors of books in 1947:

Mrs. Winifred deAmicis	Miss Lucy Jackson
Mrs. Stanley Bell	Mrs. Leander Kirk
Miss Mercy A. Brann	Mrs. Ambert G. Moody
Boston & Maine Railroad	Newton, Massachusetts, Free
Mrs. Frederick Chapin	Library
Mrs. David Cook	Mrs. Ruth (Phelps) Patnode
Rev. J. E. Eason	Mrs. Emma Powell
Mr. Arnold Haack	Mrs. Arline Randall
Peter Haack	Mrs. Clarence Spaulding
	Miss Caroline B. Wilks

At the request of the Selectmen an inventory of the Library's moveable property was made for insurance purposes. Using a formula furnished by the American Library Association, the books of our Library are valued at \$12,521.00, and the furniture, pictures and museum exhibits at \$4,400.00, a total of \$16,921.00.

The Trustees report with regret that in August Mr. Joseph

W. Field found it necessary to resign as a Trustee. Mr. Field was a faithful and diligent Trustee and has been greatly missed. In October Mr. Luman A. Barber accepted an invitation to serve as Trustee until the time of the Town Meeting.

In April, Mrs. Warren Randall resigned as Assistant Librarian and Mrs. H. C. Ruhl served until July, when Mrs. Stanley Bell succeeded her.

Real progress has been made in cataloging the books of the Library. Mrs. Lucy M. Eveleth, our former Librarian, spent the month of July on this work and Mrs. Phelps has given to it all the time she could find without slighting her routine tasks.

Mrs. Florence Phelps and her Assistants and Mr. Louis M. Abbey, our Janitor, have given faithful service throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman
 MARY G. PARKER
 MERCY A. BRANN
 HORACE H. MORSE
 LUMAN A. BARBER
 ROBERT BONNER JACK

Librarian's Report

Although there has been an increase in the circulation during the past year, there is still possible a much greater use of the library, especially in the use of the reading and reference room.

The total circulation for the year shows an increase over last year of 807.

Circulation, 1946.		Circulation, 1947.	
		Books- adult fiction	8089
Books- adult	8953	Books- adult non-fiction	1913
Books- juvenile	6236	Books- juvenile fiction	4251
Periodicals- adult	993	Books- juvenile non-fiction	1295
Periodicals- juvenile	281	Periodicals- adult	1172
State Bookmobile	671	Periodicals- juvenile	132
		State Bookmobile books	1001
		Inter-library loan	88
Total	17134		17941

A total of 454 books, by gift and purchase, have been added to the library during 1947, as follows: by purchase, adult fiction, 142; adult non-fiction, 48; reference, 2; juvenile fiction, 21; juvenile non-fiction, 8. A total of 221 books purchased.

Total of books given by friends is 233: adult fiction, 47; adult non-fiction, 116; reference, 1; juvenile fiction, 34; juvenile non-fiction, 35. The names of these donors are listed in the trustees report. The library also receives 12 gift subscriptions to periodicals.

The present registration as of December, 1947, is 785 resident; and there have been 16 non-resident registrations through the year.

A total of 158 book certificates were presented to the pupils of Center School in June; 150 for 5 books and 8 for 20 book reports.

The sum of \$149.75 has been received for fines on overdue books and periodicals during the year, which becomes available for new books and other library expenses.

Books lent to the library by the State Bookmobile service totals 622; 292 adult fiction; 210 adult non-fiction; 88 juvenile fiction, 32 juvenile non-fiction. The number of books circulated by this department in other parts of town; 390 adult fiction; 57 adult non-fiction; 161 juvenile fiction; 35 juvenile non-fiction.

It has been a great disappointment to our readers that this service was discontinued in September, because of the resignation of the librarian, Miss Ann McCormick. As yet, this post has not been filled. We hope this will be continued again in the near future, not only because of the increase of circulation in our library, but because it means a real hardship to the outlying districts, where the service has given much real pleasure and help to those who cannot get to public libraries.

Although the work of recataloguing the library is still far from finished, a total of 2005 books have been checked and fully catalogued during 1947. Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, former librarian, assisted with this work during July, when a total of 323 books were recatalogued.

Much interest continues to be shown in the historical objects which are exhibited on the second floor of the library. In May, 1947, Mr. Arthur L. Winn of the Northfield Hotel, presented the library with a guest-book for registration of visitors to our library. To date, there are 32 registrants. It is of interest

that the first registrant, Mr. Verle Dickinson Dority, of Burr Oak, Kansas, is a direct descendant of Nathaniel Dickinson. Mr. Harold McLean of the High School faculty, and 15 of his students visited these rooms. Several of the Center School teachers have also taken their classes to view the exhibits. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

I have noted a drop in the juvenile circulation since September, which seems to have been caused by the smaller number of books required for report in the junior high school.

A 10 volume set of Collier's Encyclopedia, a gift to the library from the Newton Library, was presented to the Northfield High School in September. The library already had a set of the same date of publication, 1929.

I would like to restate the opening hours of the library, as follows; afternoons, Tuesday through Saturday, 1:00 to 8:00; except Wednesday and Friday, when it closes at 6:00 p. m.

Mrs. Stanley Bell of Gill, who came in June as the new part-time assistant, has been most efficient in her work with the children and in the adult department.

I wish to thank all our patrons who have tried to make our work more pleasant through their understanding of our problems and the trustees for their help and efforts toward the betterment of the service rendered to the public through the library.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLORENCE PHELPS,

Librarian.

Report of SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1947

School Committee

Sidney H. Given, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1949

Lillian G. Wells, *Secretary*

Term Expires 1948

Irving J. Lawrence

Term Expires 1950

Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 A.M. at the Superintendent's Office.

Superintendent of Schools

Robert N. Taylor, B.Ch.E.; M.Ed.

Office, Center School, Tel. 757

School Secretary

Catharine D. Rikert

Home Tel. 882

Office Hours

School Days, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

School Vacations, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

School Nurse

Natalie G. Hurley, R.N.

School Calendar 1948-1949

Schools open January 5, 1948

Close February 20, 1948

Schools open March 1, 1948

Close April 16, 1948

Schools open April 26, 1948

Close June 18, 1948

Schools open September 8, 1948

Close December 22, 1948

Schools open January 3, 1949

Close February 18, 1949

Schools open February 28, 1948

Close April 15, 1949

Schools open April 25, 1949

Close June 23, 1949

Elementary School closes one week earlier in June.

School Superintendent's Report



To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my seventh annual report dealing with the progress made within our school department during 1947. This is the 211th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

The year has been marked by numerous changes, changes aimed at the improvement of our school system through better organization, improved methods and techniques, and the resultant raising of the educational standard. The latter goal is of primary importance, since the first objective of any good school must be the standard of its training as measured by the product produced. In this case our product is democratic citizenry able to compete successfully in a highly competitive economic system where skill and good judgment are an essential part of the make-up of a worthy citizen.

In attaining our goal of better schools it is also the duty of our department to examine critically the rapidly spiraling costs of education. To search for economies is but good business procedure. To strive for lower unit costs while maintaining or raising the general standard of production is a dominant feature of the American scene. However, to achieve lower unit costs during the present inflationary period would be to produce a miracle. Therefore, the aim should be sensible economy without harm to the desired program. To this end we have devoted much thought during the past year.

New First Grade Day

During the early months of 1947 the first grade hours were shortened and the pupils carried home at 1:30 p.m. This plan had some advantages, but after a six-month period of observation it was felt that a better plan could be found. The writer felt that the pressure placed on the teacher to accomplish the required first grade work in less time was too great a strain on the teacher. It is greatly to her credit that even with the shorter day our pupils made the same mark of achievement as in previous years.

Another objection to the early dismissal came from parents, who delegated to older members of the family the responsibility of seeing that the first grade pupils got safely home. Others felt that the social experiences, assemblies, visual education, and so forth, were too important to eliminate.

An inquiry was made to determine what communities like ourselves, without kindergarten, did to eliminate the fatigue of a long school day. The plan adopted in September is highly recommended by Miss Alice Beal,

elementary supervisor in the State Department of Education. There are about fifteen communities in the state using this same plan. From the opening of school until December first, pupils attend for one session. They receive a milk and cracker lunch at 10:00 a.m., a short recess at 11:00 a.m., and go directly home at 12:00 noon. Music, assemblies, and visual education are omitted from their program until they attend for the full session after December first.

High School Reorganization

The School Committee, at its regular meeting on June twenty-first, voted unanimously to adopt a reorganization plan which they had been studying for a number of years. The plan established a six-year school to be called the Northfield Junior-Senior High School and includes grades 7 - 12. The enrollment of the new school is 139, and the staff, including the principal, totals 8 persons.

The reorganization is in keeping with the recommendation of the State Department of Education, which specifies that high schools with enrollments of less than 100 should be reorganized into six-year schools. The enrollment in the Northfield High School has not been 100 since 1936, when 103 pupils were registered.

The reorganization has more evenly distributed the pupil load between our two buildings. The Center School houses grades 1 - 6. Because of the large first grade enrollment in September, it was necessary to organize two first grades. For some time now there has been need for a utility room in the Center School, and by removing the seventh and eighth grades from the building, we have this extra room. It is used every period in the day as a music room and for special instruction. Two teachers from the Center School staff were added to that of the High School, and Mr. George Leonard, former principal of the Center School, was promoted to the principalship of the High School. There are sufficient classrooms in the High School to take care of the home room seating. However, it has been found necessary to use the utility room in the Center School for High School classes five periods a day.

The reorganization has simplified the transportation by relieving congestion on one bus and by the elimination of another. It is now possible for all the elementary pupils to eat lunch at one sitting instead of two as in the past. Congestion on the playground has been relieved.

A full school year is necessary before complete evaluation of the change can be made. However, the general feeling, at this time, is that the change has been a good one.

Teacher Changes

At the close of schools in June the following teachers left our school system:

Mr. Chester R. Parker, principal of the Northfield High School since September, 1944.

Mrs. Eva Findlay, to teach in New York State.

Miss Ruth E. Sullivan, to return to college.

Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, to return to home duties.

The following appointments and promotions were made:

Mr. George M. Leonard, principal of the Center School, was appointed to the high school principalship of the newly reorganized six-year high school. Mr. Leonard is a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College, and has been in Northfield since 1941.

Miss Dorothy O. Totman, assistant principal of the Center School, was appointed to the position of Building Principal. Miss Totman is a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School and has been in Northfield since 1930.

Miss Eleanor Merriam, a graduate from Wheaton College, A.B., and with an A.M. degree from Mount Holyoke, was appointed to the Social Studies position in the Northfield High School.

Mrs. Dorothy Billings, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, B.S., in the class of 1947, was appointed to teach English in the High School and direct the music for the Center and High Schools.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson, B.S., a graduate of the Gorham State Teachers College, has been appointed to the extra first grade. Mrs. Hudson taught three years in Augusta, Maine, and two years in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Miss Beryle Stimson, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in 1946, has been appointed to the Home Economics position. She taught for one year in Andover, New Hampshire, before coming to Northfield.

Other personnel changes during the year were:

Miss Helen L. Deane, Union Secretary in the Superintendent's Office, resigned in July to be married.

Miss Catharine D. Rikert, a graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School in 1947, was appointed Union Secretary.

Teachers' Salaries

Our citizens, at the February, 1947, election, voted 233 to 77 to adopt the "Equal pay for equal work" referendum for Northfield's teachers. However, the School Committee, by its action in approving a \$500 blanket increase for all principals and teachers effective January 1, 1947, and by

previous salary adjustments had an equal pay policy in operation. To meet the requirements of the new law a classification system was necessary. This the committee has now done.

Class I

Elementary Teachers, Center School

- A. Without degree.
- B. Degree or experience equivalent to ten years.
- C. Special classifications.

Class II

High School Teachers

- A. Without degree.
- B. With degree or experience equivalent to fifteen years.
- C. Special classifications.

All new teachers without experience but with a college degree were paid at the rate of \$2,000 for the first year. Others with experience were paid the base rate plus \$100 increment for each year of experience to a maximum of \$2,500. No increments were paid during the year 1947.

The School Committee voted further adjustments in teachers' salaries effective January 1, 1948. These raises were based on dependency and experience and range from \$100 to \$200. To hold good teachers, increments must be paid. Just how high the maximum rate should be is problematical at this time and is to some extent dependent on what action the 1948 Legislature takes toward relieving the local taxpayer of part of the cost.

Need for a Salary Schedule

The trend in recent years has been to establish salary schedules for town and school employees. These schedules generally fall into two classes, positional type and preparational type. Occasionally we find a schedule that is a composite of the two.

A carefully prepared, equitable salary schedule results in a more stable financial policy, better morale among teachers, and a more economical expenditure of the salary budget in relation to the services rendered.

The Northfield Teachers' Club appointed a special committee to prepare and present to the School Committee a study patterned along the lines of a number of studies made and adopted in communities similar in nature and scope to Northfield. The School Committee met once with the teachers' committee. No definite conclusion was reached, but it was agreed that further study, cooperatively done by the school department and the teachers, should be carried on. Studies of this nature do not result in drastic salary increases, but do provide incentive for the professional growth of all teachers.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.
	Mathematics	
	Civics	
	Problems of Democracy	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Chemistry	*Massachusetts State College
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Latin	
Nellie W. Dearstyn	Spanish	American International College, B.A.
	English	Springfield College, M.Ed.
Beryle M. Stimson	Home Economics	University of New Hampshire, B.S.
	English I	
Harold H. McLean	United States History	Massachusetts State College, B.S.
	General Science	
	Biology	
	Physical Education	
M. Carleton Brown	Commercial	Bay Path Institute
		*Northeastern University Evening School
Eleanor A. Merriam	Mathematics	Wheaton College, A.B.
	Social Studies	Mount Holyoke, A.M.
Dorothy M. Billings	English	University of Massachusetts, B.S.
	Music Supervisor	

Center School

<i>Name</i>	<i>Subject or Grade</i>	<i>Where Educated</i>
Dorothy O. Totman	Building Principal	Fitchburg Normal
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 4	*University Extension
Elizabeth L. Hudson, B.S.	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 1	Gorham State Teachers' College
Mary E. Dalton	Grade 2	Stevens Normal Institute
	Grade 3	*Massachusetts State College
		*Hyannis Normal
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	*University Extension
Elizabeth G. Braley	Grade 6	*Northfield Seminary
		Fitchburg Normal
		Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension

* Attended without graduating.

School Custodians

Leo Fortier

Richard Whitney, Part-time Assistant

Test Results

			Northfield Medians			
Test			Std. Med.	1945	1946	1947
Grade I	Metropolitan Achievement		1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Grade II	" "		2.8	2.9	3.0	2.6
Grade III	" "		3.8	3.8	3.6	4.1
Grade IV	" "		4.8	5.0	5.1	4.6
Grade V	" "		5.8	5.9	5.4	5.9
Grade VI	" "		6.8	6.6	6.6	6.5
Grade VII	" "		7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1
Grade VIII	" "		8.8	8.8	8.7	8.8
Algebra I	Columbia Research Bureau		16	22	30	26
Plane Geometry	" " "		32	....	....	30
Latin I	New York Latin Achievement		132	91	57	112
Latin II	" " " "		....	....	....	146.5
Latin I	White Latin Test		92	....	....	95.5
Latin II	" " "		121	....	....	117.5
American History	Col. Research Bureau		81	88	56	37
World History	Kniss Test		44.5	....	....	28.5
Biology	Ruch-Cossmann		40	43	39	41.5
General Science	Ruch-Popenoe		35.5	....	38	30
Civics	Brown-Woody		98	....	98	96.5
English :						
Grade 9	Barrett-Ryan-Schrammel		88	71	80	84
Grade 10	" " "		96	80	78	78
Grade 11	" " "		103	88	86	83
Grade 12	" " "		106	103	96	83.5
Spanish I	Columbia Research Bureau		91	....	....	97
Spanish II	" " "		161	....	....	124.5

Tests were also given in Shorthand and Bookkeeping, but the content of our courses was such that reasonable comparison could not be made.

Superintendent's Activities

The routine business of five towns keeps your Superintendent exceedingly busy. According to the present distribution of the Superintendent's time in Union #23, comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick, and Leyden, he devotes 35 per cent of his time to the needs of the Northfield schools. Supervisory visits of twenty minutes or longer in the classes or in conferences with our seventeen teachers and supervisors take the major portion of this time.

It has not been found practical to establish a strict schedule of supervisory visits because of the many interruptions and emergencies that occur

in the general course of the day's work. However, it has been my practice to try and visit each teacher in her classroom at least twice a month. 164 such visits were made in 1947, many of them followed by personal conferences to discuss methods, techniques, and problems that are the necessary part of a vital and growing educational system. New teachers gain confidence and grow to be better teachers, older teachers obtain new ideas, and the superintendent, learning from both groups, is often the medium by which these new methods and techniques become a part of the school system as a whole. Without proper supervision to correlate our various personalities into a working unit, there would exist a confusion of standards in judging and marking limited only by the number of persons contributing to the work of the school as a whole. Textbook evaluation, curriculum adjustment, and educational procedures have today, in a democratic school system, become the joint responsibility of teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

I participated in fifty-eight school committee meetings during the year. Fourteen of them were with the Northfield School Committee and two with the Joint Union Committee, whose composition included the Northfield officers. Four of the five towns have building, survey, or planning committees. I attended eight such meetings. I also gave educational talks or participated in thirty-one other meetings in my various towns. During the year I attended one national, one regional, one state, and nine county conferences of school superintendents. In addition I attended seven meetings of the Special Committee on State Aid of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation, on which I have had the privilege of serving as secretary pro tem for the past year and a half. Teachers' meetings, interviews with parents, citizens, and salesmen, too numerous to record, all contributed to a busy year.

Repairs and Maintenance

The decision to change the Center School burner to a lighter oil has proved to be a wise one. With the heavy oil it was necessary that the burner be kept in operation continuously day and night because of the pre-heating arrangement. However, with lighter oil night operation can be postponed until December first and discontinued about March fifteenth, reducing the oil consumption by about 5,500 gallons for the heating season. With the recent rapid increase in the price of oil the saving has been worthwhile. But the financial saving has not been the only advantage gained by the change. The simplification of the operation of the burner by greater ease in starting and stopping for any reason at all has made the change a worthwhile one. The cost of lighter oil is slightly more, but the reduced consumption produced a small net saving.

The life of steam traps and valves in the Center School is from three to five years. Since our building is now in its seventh year, replacement of these valves and traps has been necessary. Plumbing supplies have been

very scarce, and we have at the present time some knocking in the pipes which we hope to remedy just as soon as parts become available.

Other repairs made during the school year are as follows:

New grates installed in the High School boiler.

All desks were revarnished and some woodwork repainted by our janitor.

Our five pianos were repaired, demothed, and tuned.

One-way traffic signs were placed on the driveway to eliminate a potential hazard.

The walk to the High School front door should be replaced during the coming year as it is collapsing since the removal of the large maple.

Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1947, as required by law.

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Between ages 5 - 7	30	27	57
Between 7 - 16	133	152	285
Total	163	179	342

Resident Enrollment by Schools

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Center School	106	93
High School	53	83
Greenfield Vocational	8	0
Greenfield Evening Vocational	1	0
Mount Hermon School	23	0
Northfield School for Girls	0	17
Stoneleigh-Prospect	0	1
Bement	1	0
Totals	192	194
	<i>Total</i>	
Boys	192	
Girls	194	
Grand Total	386	

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1947

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Boys	21	19	12	17	23	14	18	8	5	8	7	7	159
Girls	20	5	18	15	13	22	22	20	18	6	7	10	176
Totals	41	24	30	32	36	36	40	28	32	14	14	17	335

State Aid for Transportation

Of the new laws passed by the General Court in 1947, one was of special interest to the citizens of Northfield. Chapter 679, granting about \$1,000,000 in state aid for transportation of pupils living more than one and one-half miles from school, became effective at once.

Since the percentage of pupils carried by school busses in Northfield is quite high, we received \$7,319 aid for transportation. The Town is obligated to pay \$5 per pupil times the number of pupils in net average membership. The balance is paid by the state aid fund.

The number of pupils in net average membership was 358 for the school year 1946 - 47. Accordingly, the Town must pay \$1,790 of the transportation cost (\$9,109), and the balance (\$7,319) is our reimbursement. Only pupils who live more than one and one-half miles from school can be used to compute our reimbursement.

School Finance

When tax rates increase, citizens become more critical of expenditures for municipal services. This is as it should be and is only good business. The school department has felt the impact of sharp increases in textbooks, supplies, fuel, and services, and had it not been for a readjustment in our transportation, which produced a saving of \$700, our account would have been overdrawn. Instead we have an unexpended balance of \$377.10.

The department estimates its needs for 1948 at \$59,917, an increase of \$1,828 over the appropriation made a year ago. This percentage increase is considerably below that of most communities and was possible because of increased state aid mentioned above and by reducing transportation needs by \$1,074. The increase was necessary to meet the following increased estimates: fuel, \$700; vocational tuition, \$760; teachers' salaries, \$1,540. Purchases of textbooks, student supplies, and new equipment are to be held to the barest essentials.

Careful examination of estimated costs and receipts shows that because of our sharp increase in state aid in 1947, the net cost of schools for 1947 over the 1946 figure is only about \$4,350.

In Conclusion

The year 1947 has been a year measured by a number of progressive changes. It is too early to know just how successful these changes will be educationally. However, the more equitable distribution of our pupils through two buildings has already produced a healthy boost to the morale of the student body and staff. It has meant adjustments for students and teachers, some of which have not been easy to make, and I am deeply appreciative for the manner in which everyone has cooperated to make the change a successful one.

I want to make special mention of the Northfield Parent-Teacher Association for its interest in our problems and its financial assistance to the lunch room and the proposed basketball equipment at the town hall. The Northfield Health Council has continued its interest and work toward a healthier generation, and I can point with pride to its accomplished aims. To all who have contributed in one way or another, large or small, to the betterment of our schools, for the parents of our pupils I want to say, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. TAYLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.



SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

APPROPRIATION

\$58,089.00

Expenditures

	<i>Expended 1947</i>	<i>Recommended 1948</i>
Administration:		
Supt. Robert N. Taylor, Salary	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,752.50
Travel	50.00	50.00
Out-of-State Travel	30.54	35.00
Union Clerk	391.65	437.50
Medical: Physician	150.00	250.00
Nurse	350.00	350.00
Teachers' Salaries	31,974.00	34,238.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,527.62	2,625.00
Supervisors' Salaries	650.00	350.00
Transportation	9,424.25	9,088.00

Supplies: Student	886.43	850.00
Domestic Science	104.39	100.00
Janitor	582.98	400.00
Textbooks	1,216.61	525.00
Tuition, Vocational	1,637.28	2,700.00
Water and Current	861.78	850.00
Fuel	2,948.87	3,636.00
Repairs and Outlay	849.23	655.00
New Equipment	1,018.41	800.00
Sundry Educational Expense	496.45	500.00
Sports Officials (H. S.)	.....	75.00
	\$57,710.49	\$59,917.00
Unexpended balance		\$ 378.51

Net Cost of Schools in 1947

Expenditures 1947 \$57,711.99

State of Massachusetts reimbursements:

School Fund, Part I	\$ 2,665.00
School Fund, Part II	6,725.42
Vocational Tuition	849.45
Transportation	7,319.00
State Wards: Tuition and Transportation	803.57
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	676.67
	\$19,039.11

Other receipts:

Refunds	\$ 148.00
Telephone	6.18
Town of Vernon, Vermont	100.00
Harold Gould	40.00
James Gillespie	228.00
	\$ 522.18

Total Receipts \$19,561.29

Net Cost of Education, 1947 \$38,150.70

Net Cost of Education, 1946 33,800.73

Net Increase from Local Sources, 1947 \$ 4,349.97

Northfield's favorable position in distribution of state aid made up for most of the increases in costs of services and materials. The average percentage of state aid in Massachusetts is 9 per cent. Northfield received 34 per cent.

Financial Report Center School Lunch Room

January - December 1947

M. CARLETON BROWN, *Treasurer*

Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 52.42
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Receipts :

Students' Lunches	\$ 4,911.21
Adult Lunches	294.40
Government Reimbursements	3,408.51
P. T. A. Donation	150.00
	8,764.12
Total Receipts	8,764.12
	\$ 8,816.54
Total Income	\$ 8,816.54

Disbursements :

Groceries, Milk, etc.	\$ 6,832.23
Workers	1,640.01
Postage, stamps, express	68.86
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Service Charge)	14.05
Wilson's (Government Equipment)	11.09
H. A. Johnson's (Government Equipment)	27.49
Sears & Roebuck (Government Equipment)	18.90
	\$ 8,612.63
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,612.63
Balance on hand, December 31, 1947	\$ 203.91

Lunches Served, Student and Adult	37,591
Milk Served	39,163
Milk Bill Outstanding, December 31, 1947 —	\$324.89

Report of the Auditor

To Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools:

At your request, I have made the usual audit of the Center School Lunch Room records for the year 1947, these records kept by Miss Totman from January to September and Mr. Brown from September to December. I have gone over the records very thoroughly, and while there are several small bills missing, — I have every reason to believe the entries are correct.

Balance on hand January 1, 1947	\$ 52.42
Receipts	8,764.12
	\$8,816.54
Disbursements	8,612.63
Balance on hand December 31, 1947	\$ 203.91
Accounts Payable:	
Tenney Farms, Inc.	\$ 324.89

The foregoing completes my report and I want to assure you that it was a pleasure to do this work for you. I trust it will be satisfactory in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS M. POTTS,

Auditor.

Report of High School Principal



I herewith submit my first report as Principal of the Northfield High School.

Enrollment

High school classes assembled on September 3, 1947. The enrollment as of October 1, 1947 was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	18	22	40
Grade 8	8	20	28
Grade 9	5	19	24
Grade 10	8	6	14
Grade 11	7	7	14
Grade 12	7	10	17
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	53	84	137

With the moving of grades 7 and 8 into the high school building the enrollment has doubled. The present large seventh grade does not necessarily mean a large senior class six years from now since the present senior class had an enrollment of forty-six, five years ago.

Organization and Program

One of the major problems in organizing the high school under the six-year system was to give all grades a homeroom and to arrange a program to fit all classes in rooms of proper size with the proper facilities while using the main room as a study room only. It was found necessary and convenient to use one room in the Center School for several periods a day. A program was arranged which makes more efficient use of our school facilities.

It was found necessary to divide grade seven into two sections for homeroom purposes and for English and arithmetic classes. This decreases the teacher load and assures better teacher-pupil contact. Grade eight was given a homeroom by itself while grades nine through twelve are all seated in the large main room.

The eighth period of each school day is set aside as an activity period. During this period the following activities are carried on during the winter months:

Monday — Guidance or class meetings.

Tuesday — Glee Club.

Wednesday — Clubs (Press, Chefs, Nature, Hobby and Handwork).

Thursday — Visual Education.

Friday — Remedial work and make-up period.

During the fall and spring months, physical education periods are held twice a week.

Our guidance work consists of a series of lectures and question-answer periods by the members of the faculty with the individual classes. Such topics as "Courtesy", "How to Study", "Making Your School Record", "Commercial Work as a Career", and "How Habits are Formed" are being discussed.

Under the sponsorship of the Northfield Teachers' Club, two school assemblies were held this fall in the Town Hall. These programs, presented by the School Assembly Service, have been very entertaining and educational. Three more such programs are scheduled for the present school year.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The sports program during the past year was very successful. Both the baseball team and the softball team won championships in the Border League and now have on display two beautiful gold trophies. The touch football team won four of its six Border League games but forfeited two of these wins due to the use of an ineligible player. The volleyball team with several new players did not do so well, winning only their last game. Most of our students have shown a fine competitive spirit and an attitude of team play.

With the kind permission of authorities at Mount Hermon School, Mr. McLean and I have been taking a small group of boys to the gymnasium of that school three times a week to teach them the fundamentals of basketball. A team has been organized and a few games have been arranged. It was hoped that the Town Hall might be equipped for the playing of basketball this year but, due to increased prices and the amount of work and materials necessary to equip the hall properly, it is quite evident that it will not be ready for use during this basketball season. It is hoped that another season will find Northfield High represented by fine boys' and girls' basketball teams with facilities for all students to enjoy the most popular sport in the nation.

The Glee Club has presented several fine programs during the past year. During the spring an operetta entitled "Ask the Professor" was presented to a capacity audience under the able direction of Mrs. Leonard Stebbins, music supervisor. During this fall, the Glee Club took part in the

P. T. A. "Varieties" program and gave a very creditable performance. They also did some Christmas carolling during Christmas week. The club meets each week under the capable direction of Mrs. Dorothy Billings.

The products of the Press Club have been a great improvement during the past few years due to the untiring efforts of Miss Dearstyne. The Press Club is now busily engaged in preparing its first issue of the year.

Various other clubs meet once a week during activity period. Among these is the Chefs Club, which distinguished itself last year under Mrs. Findlay's direction and is now being carried on by Miss Stimson.

Social Activities

The social activities of any group help to add interest and provide entertainment. Among these activities are the annual Washington Trip, the Senior Play, the Senior Dance, the Junior Prom and the Christmas Party.

Eleven seniors, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker, made the annual trip to Washington during the April vacation. This trip by the seniors each year is always the high point of their school careers. The educational value of such a trip cannot be counted in dollars and cents. The people of Northfield are to be congratulated for supporting the many school functions conducted to raise the funds necessary for such a trip.

One of the top social affairs in the town each year is the presentation of the Senior Class Play. One of the best plays for several years was presented on December 12, entitled "Young Mr. Standish". A very talented class, under the very able coaching of Miss Lawley, presented this amusing play. Proceeds benefited the Washington Trip fund.

The Northfield Teachers' Club for the second year purchased four student tickets to the Brattleboro Community Concerts. Pupils who are interested are given an opportunity to witness performances of nationally and internationally known musicians. All pupils who have attended these concerts have expressed their appreciation to the Teachers' Club for this opportunity.

A Christmas party for grades 9 through 12 was held at the Town Hall on December 22. Games and dances were enjoyed by all, followed by refreshments served at attractively decorated tables. Gifts were exchanged. Grades 7 and 8 enjoyed their Christmas party in the Center School lunch room the following afternoon.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Graduation exercises were conducted at the Northfield Town Hall on Friday evening, June 20, 1947 for members of the Class of 1947 of the Northfield High School.

P R O G R A M

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar

Invocation

Rev. Hazel R. Gredler

Hymn — "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Traditional German

Glee Club

"The Evolution of the Public Schools in Northfield"

Lois May Stearns

"Rose of Tralee"

Glover

Glee Club

"The Life of Charles Preston"

Alva Jones

"Discovery and Early Settling of Northfield"

Marilyn Mae Dresser

"A Happy Heart"

Denza

"When Love Is Kind"

Old English

Glee Club

Address

Rev. Lester P. White

Awarding of Prizes

Principal Chester R. Parker

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Robert N. Taylor

Senior Class Song

Words by Lois May Stearns

Senior Class

Benediction

Rev. Edward S. Kuzawa

Recessional

"The Priests March"

Mendelssohn

GRADUATES

With Honor

Marilyn Mae Dresser
Alva Merle Jones
Lois May Stearns

Dorothy Mae Allen
Edward Lewis Fortier

Lorraine June Gingras
Shirley Mae Gould
Robert Northrop Hubbard
Gordon William Leavis
Carolyn, May Miller
Viola Josephine Sytnik

Graduates of this class who are seeking further education are attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Northampton Commercial School, Kent's Hill, Mount Hermon, and Farren Memorial Hospital. It is gratifying to know such a large percentage of the class is seeking further knowledge.

Financial

The following is a statement of the finances of Northfield High School of the year 1947 as reported by Mr. M. Carleton Brown, Treasurer:

Northfield High School—School Fund

	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Class of 1948	\$1,184.97	\$ 565.16	\$ 619.81
Class of 1949	86.50	36.00	50.50
Class of 1950	53.95	2.73	51.22
Class of 1951	2.00	.....	2.00
Glee Club	237.21	.....	237.21
General Student Fund	761.72	458.58	303.14
Totals	\$2,326.35	\$1,062.47	\$1,263.88
Check balance		\$1,238.18	
Cash on hand		25.70	
Total		\$1,263.88	

Looking Forward

Northfield High School can be as good a school as its students and the townspeople wish to make it. With an improved school spirit on the part of the student body and with increased support from the townspeople it can become an even better school than it is today. It has a very capable teaching staff with many excellent teaching facilities. Northfield is fortunate in having an efficient, progressive superintendent and a conscientious school committee.

Parents can aid most by cooperating with the teachers and with their children in seeing to it that pupils attend school regularly and on time except when sick and that their children are provided with wholesome study conditions at home. Townspeople can learn more about what goes on in their school system by visiting school often and consulting with the teachers and the principal on controversial school issues. The entire faculty of this school would welcome visits from parents or townspeople at any time.

A look into the future would not be complete without a statement of needed facilities and conditions. Among our greatest needs are:

1. Facilities for carrying on a physical education program during the winter months. We are one of two towns of this size in Massachusetts, who do not have such facilities. Many towns smaller than ours have such provisions.

2. Facilities for conducting assembly programs. We do not have a room large enough to seat all pupils for an assembly program at the present time.

3. An increased number of maps, reference and library books as well as library facilities.

Conclusion

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and the members of the school committee for promoting me to the principalship of this school, and for the many ways that they have assisted me in my work. I should like to thank the members of the faculty, Mrs. Hurley, and Dr. Dean who have been so cooperative during the school year. May I also express my appreciation to the many townspeople who have expressed words of encouragement and congratulations to me on my appointment to this position.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD,

Principal.

Report of School Physician



During September and October the children in the Center and High schools were each given a physical examination, 333 pupils being examined. In the grades each child stripped to the waist and took off shoes and stockings for examination of teeth, throat, chest, heart, spine, feet, etc. In the high school the boys stripped completely to check for hernia in addition. The parents were notified ahead of the time of examination in the first grade so that they might be present at the examination if they so desired. A plan is being worked out to have the examination of the first graders next year in June at the time of the pre-school registration period, so that the parents may be present and be informed of the defects found. In this way there will be time for the defects to be cared for before school begins in the fall.

The results of this year's examinations were very satisfactory. Though more flat feet were found, there were fewer defective teeth, evidence that a great deal of dental work had been done since last year. A summary of defects found follows:

Defective teeth	40
Flat feet	37
Poor posture	11
Diseased tonsils	8
Overweight	5

A diphtheria immunization clinic is being held in December at which 27 children, many of them first graders, are being inoculated.

I wish again to call the attention of the parents to the list of suggestions sent home early in the year; namely, to keep any child that is sick at home, that all contagious diseases must be reported to the Board of Health, and that all children must have a certificate from the school physician before returning to school after a contagious disease.

I wish to thank Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Hurley, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.,

School Physician.

Report of School Nurse



*To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of
the Town of Northfield:*

I herewith submit my third annual report as nurse of the public schools in Northfield, January 1, 1947, to January 1, 1948.

Once again this year a home nursing course was made available to the girls of the Senior High School. This course was sponsored by the Red Cross and taught by Ruth Cembalisky. I helped with the home demonstrations, of which there were five.

The pupils of both the Center and the High School were given the audiometer test with the following results:

Tested	320
Not tested because of absence	10
Retested	6
Failure	1

I am very glad to say that necessary follow-up work was done.

This fall the usual physical examinations were made by Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician.

Center School:

Total number examined	197
Not examined	3
Flat feet	10
Defective teeth	32
Throat	8
Overweight	4
Poor posture	11

High School:

Total number examined	136
7th Grade:	
Flat feet	8
Defective teeth	7
Overweight	1
8th Grade:	
Flat feet	6
Defective teeth	1

High School:

Flat feet	13
Hernial tendency	1

The condition of teeth is very much improved. However, this fall seven children were taken to a dental clinic in Greenfield. Dr. James Bolton, dentist, very generously gave his time.

The Fortnightly made it possible for me to provide toothbrushes for all children who were in need of one.

The Diphtheria Clinic was started in December with twenty-seven children inoculated. The third inoculation will be given in January.

In November of this year I joined a school nurses' discussion group.

The following is a complete summary of the work of the school nurse:

Classrooms visited for group inspection	47
Children excluded from school	39
Children readmitted to school	11
First aid given	200
Advice given	135
Transportation to doctor and dentist	49
Consultations with teachers	96
Treatment with doctor present	1
Consultation with parent in school	1
Health talks	33
Field Visits:	
Health supervision	49
Communicable disease	2
Other	1

This year a new program was introduced for the pre-school child in conjunction with the well child clinic. Each child was registered for his or her entrance into school in the fall and an opportunity offered for a physical examination and a consultation with a state nutritionist. A booklet was compiled by the Superintendent, Mr. Robert N. Taylor, the Principal of the elementary school, Mr. George Leonard, the school doctor, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, and myself to acquaint the parent with school policies. We feel that this new program was very successful and already plans have been made with the school committee for a special registration next spring.

I want to thank Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE G. HURLEY,
School Nurse.

Town Warrant



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on February 2nd, 1948, at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one for three years, one for two years, one for one year. One Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for two years to fill vacancy, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK,
P. M.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.

Article 4. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$250.00

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,305.00

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended; or act thereon.

Selectmen:

Chairman of Board	\$300.00
Second member	300.00
Third member	300.00

Assessors:

First member	250.00
Second member	250.00
Third member and Clerk.....	750.00

Treasurer	600.00
Tax Collector	500.00
Town Clerk	400.00

School Committee:

Chairman	75.00
Second member	75.00
Third member	75.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town charges, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend:

Selectmen's salary	\$ 900.	Schools	\$60,297.
Selectmen's Expense a/c	150.	Fire Department	1,700.
Assessors' salary	1,250.	Maintenance Water Holes.....	200.
Assessors' Expense a/c	100.	Alexander Hall	175.
Treasurer's salary	600.	Old Age Assistance	29,000.
Treasurer's Expense a/c	175.	Aid to Dependent Children....	5,700.
Tax Collector's salary	500.	Dept. Public Welfare	4,500.
Tax Collector's Expense a/c	185.	Soldiers' Relief	1,500.
Town Clerk's salary	400.	Road Machinery Fund	2,000.
Town Clerk's Expense a/c	80.	(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)	
School Committee salary	225.	Bridges	1,000.
Town Accountant's salary	700.	Election and Registrations	800.
Town Accountant's Exp. a/c	50.	Fire and Casualty Ins.	1,300.
Sealer Weights and Measures	125.	Interest Account	300.
Sealer's Expense a/c	25.	Town Hall Care	3,500.
Public Welfare Clerk	150.	Moderator and Counsel	250.
Inspection of Animals	150.	Bonds and Damages	400.
Dog Officer and Expense	75.	Town Clock and Fountain	150.
Inspection of Meat and		Town Reports	600.
Slaughtering	200.	Snow Removal	6,000.
Public Health	500.	Public Safety	50.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected at the Library during the year and the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$3,600.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$850.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to replace the worn draw curtain and install new back curtains on the stage at the Town Hall, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$700.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to refinish the chairs in the auditorium of the Town Hall, the dining room tables and any other furniture which may need such attention, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee do not recommend at this time.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Public Health Nurse, and Substitute Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,050.00

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Public Health Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.00

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265.00 to purchase a check writer for the use of the Town Treasurer, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00 for non-electric checkwriter.

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,075.00

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$4,875.00 and to transfer \$14,625.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 and to transfer \$3,000.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate \$500.00, and to transfer \$1,000.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$175.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$65.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund to be used in oiling the road in Center Cemetery, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$65.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$350.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300.00 in accordance with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.00

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money in addition to the appropriation included under Article 10 for the purpose of increasing the fire insurance on Town buildings.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,200.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, continuing northward from the 1947 construction, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,000.00

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.00

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for surfacing a portion of the road to West Northfield Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$300.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Account to be used in trading for a new Town truck and the purchase of snow plows, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$3,400.00 from the Machinery Account.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic field and playgrounds in the Town to serve one year, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the care of the athletic field, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 to purchase materials to paint the exterior of the former school house at District No. 3, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$60.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of \$2,000.00 from Overlay Reserve.

Article 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$42.00 to erect and maintain two street

lights on Birnam Road between Warwick Avenue and the bridge over Mill Brook, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$21.00 for one light.

Article 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain two street lights, one at the intersection of the old Northfield Farms Road and Ferry Road and the other at the intersection of Ferry Road and River Road, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$21.00 for one light.

Article 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in making necessary repairs on discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$18,000.00.

Article 44. To see if the Town will authorize or empower the Selectmen to appoint a trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund to take the place of the late Charles L. Gilbert, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$22.80, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate, or act thereon.

Article 46. To hear the report of the committee to investigate plans for a new fire house, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Fire House Committee to further investigate sites and plans for a new fire house, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

Article 48. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to plans for a Town garage, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$150.00 from Miss Caroline B. Lane as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 215 in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Mrs. Anna Bell McMillan as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 12 1/2 in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00, the legacy bequeathed by S.E.K. Priest as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for the perpetual care of S.E.K. Priest's part of the burial lot in the West Northfield Cemetery. Also \$19.85 accumulated interest, to be used for care of S.E. K. Priest's part of this lot.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from William G. Slate as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 122 in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from Charles T. Sibley as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 36 in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100.00 from Maximilla S. Hachita as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 9 in Center Cemetery.

Article 55. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to secure preliminary plans for the proposed Memorial Gymnasium and Auditorium, the same to be expended under the direction of the World War Memorial Community School Building Plans Committee.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.00

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6, and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

ERNEST A. PARKER,
GEORGE W. CARR,
GEORGE H. SHELDON,
Selectmen of Northfield.

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